Newly Established European Business Site of Flexographic Printing
Flexographic Plate commence production in Italy

Sumitomo Riko Company Limited, parent company of Dytech-Dynamic Fluid Technologies S.p.A., has announced that it will, as part of its new non-automotive business development in Europe, establish a flexographic plate production site in Turin province, Italy.

The flexographic printing plates will be produced by Dytech under a dedicated business unit. Operation is scheduled to start from beginning of 2018.

Flexographic printing is a kind of relief printing using rubber or synthetic resin as the plate material, and can be used with all kinds of inks and on all kinds of surfaces. In particular, because flexographic printing can use water-based inks, it is environmentally friendly and has been adopted in the fields of food, medicine and hygiene product packaging, where it is more likely to come into direct contact with the body.

The European market, which accounts for 30% of Sumitomo Riko’s flexographic business, is the most important market and is expected to significantly grow in future. By building this new manufacturing subsidiary in Turin province, we expect its sales amount as approximately 14 million euro in fiscal 2018 with 5 million euro investment. It will also be possible to avoid exchange risks and shorten the time from order receipt to delivery, maximizing our group synergy and putting in place a structure that can quickly respond to the needs of the major European customers.

Photosensitive water-washable flexographic plate developed by Sumitomo Riko

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