

ALTKIN strengthens the team at its industrial inks plant in Prudnik

ALTKIN, the European leader in alternative printing, has announced the addition of four new employees to its industrial ink manufacturing plant and print consumables sorting centre in Prudnik, Poland. These strategic recruitments, in the areas of purchasing, sorting, maintenance and NPI (New Product Introduction), are designed to support the business and stimulate innovation within the plant.

4 new recruits and reinforced expertise

ALTKIN welcomes new recruits to its Prudnik plant in Poland: **Katarzyna Światłowska-Mazek** - purchasing manager -, **Sławomir Wojtkiewicz** - sorting manager -, **Piotr Podborącyński** - maintenance technologist - and **Denis Lempart** - NPI (New Product Introduction) specialist. The arrival of these four professionals, experts in complementary fields, marks an important step for the Polish ink production plant of ALTKIN, the European leader in alternative printing. *'These strategic hires reinforce not only the company's ability to respond to market demands, but also its commitment to innovation and sustainable, responsible practices. We are delighted to welcome Katarzyna, Sławomir, Piotr and Denis to ALTKIN,'* says Joël Bitschnau, ALTKIN's Operations Director for the past 12 years.

Innovation and production centre

The plant in Prudnik, Poland, plays a central role in ALTKIN's production ecosystem. Specialising in two activities - **the manufacture of industrial inks** and **the remanufacture of consumables** for professional printers - it is equipped with fully automated production lines and ensures product quality certified to ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 22000 industry standards. The WEELABEX-certified site employs around 80 people and operates a fleet of around 100 machines, compatible with all the major brands on the market, including HP, Epson, Canon and Brother.

ALTKIN Industrial Inks (A2I) manufactures industrial inks for a range of sectors, including textiles with its Direct to Films (DTF) range and sublimation range, as well as promotional items and printing on foodstuffs. A2I's inks cover a wide range of print heads (Epson, Kyocera, Memjet, Fuji, Konica, HP etc.). In 2024, ALTKIN expects to produce 120t of ink, manufactured in compliance with the ISO 22000 food standard. Rigorous quality controls are carried out every three, six and twelve months after production, to check the ink's key parameters.

On the **remanufacturing** side, the plant produces around 40,000 semi-industrial ink cartridges a month. The aim is to **extend the range of inkjet cartridges for wide-format printers and plotters, label printers and semi-industrial printers for coding and marking**. This includes the extension of cartridges for Canon, HP and Epson, as well as the launch of new cartridges for Roland, Mimaki & Memjet.

'The Prudnik plant is a model of efficiency and modernity in Europe. We have well-established processes and production lines that support our operational excellence in the service of customer satisfaction. Thanks to this site, we have the capacity to address all our customers' subcontracting needs in terms of ink development and cartridge remanufacturing,' concludes Joël Bitschnau.

Biographies of the four new recruits

Katarzyna Światłowska-Mazek - Purchasing Manager - is in charge of acquiring the components needed to manufacture inks (raw materials, bottles, containers...) and cartridges (chips, labels...). This management ensures the continuous and efficient supply of production cycles.

Sławomir Wojtkiewicz - 'Sorting' manager - is responsible for managing and classifying used or damaged cartridges. His work ensures that recyclable materials are properly processed and reintroduced into the production chain, in line with the Weelabex certification obtained since 2023 for sorting and recycling.

Piotr Podboraczyński - maintenance technologist - develops and adapts production machinery to meet the plant's changing needs. His expertise in automation helps to reduce cycle times and increase production efficiency. 'We recently integrated a machine that now packs a 1L bottle of ink in a record time of just 15 seconds,' says Piotr Podboraczyński.

Denis Lempart - NPI (New Product Introduction) specialist - works closely with the R&D and Quality departments to optimise the production lines. 'It's a real dynamic trio where quality, research and methodology come together to refine our industrial processes,' confirms Denis Lempart.

About Altkin (www.altkin-group.com)

ALTKIN, the European leader in remanufactured printing solutions, offers flexible, alternative solutions and extensive services for all printing needs. Its expertise and businesses are structured around four pillars: Products, Care, Tech and Tailored. Its customers are distributors and reseller partners, manufacturers, and corporates. ALTKIN invests in R&D as well as in its industrial equipments to guarantee, certify and prove the performance of its printing solutions. ALTKIN has a turnover of €90M in 2023 and employs more than 700 people. ALTKIN is an ARMOR GROUP company, a responsible and committed player promoting social innovation. The group is world leader in the design and manufacture of thermal transfer ribbons for printing variable traceability data on labels and flexible packaging. With a worldwide presence, ARMOR GROUP employs nearly 2,450 people in some twenty countries on four continents. The group's turn over was €435m in 2023 (proforma including THS acquisition).



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