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AFA Systems acquires Cooper Machine

Forms AFA Cooper to "bag" the market by providing turnkey solutions from bag making to packaging

AFA Systems Ltd., a Canadian manufacturer of automation packaging solutions with global sales, has formed a new separate division AFA Cooper Inc. after the acquisition of Cooper Machine & Tool Co. (www.copermachine.ca). This acquisition will broaden AFA's product range in the packaging world, especially for the plastic bag and film converting industry, a market they are growing.

Founded by Andrew Wong in 1978, Cooper Machine started as a jobbing shop and by 1995 specialized in making downstream blown film and bag converting equipment including: Shuttle Bag Machines, Coreless Winder, Surface Winders, Turret Winders, Separators, Bag Folders, V-Folders, Post Gussetters, Rotary Cutters, and accessories. Cooper's 800+ converting machines in the market are known for being heavy duty yet simple to operate and maintain and are popular in USA, Canada, and Latin America.

Conny Wong, Sales and Marketing Manager at AFA Cooper remarks, "Being part of the AFA team allows Cooper to grow long term with infrastructure in place, to compete even more globally, and more access to resources and engineering. AFA Systems already had several customers in the trash bag industry under their belt, so it is exciting that AFA Cooper can now uniquely offer complete downstream turnkey systems from converting equipment to automatically packing bags into finished cartons or cases. There are many synergies and advantages to this acquisition and we look forward to sharing them with our customers soon. Our first exhibit (since becoming AFA Cooper) will be at the NPE 2018 trade show in Orlando."

Paul Langen, President of AFA Systems said, "Having AFA Cooper as part of the AFA family will ensure a broader range of services and products for our customer. Our goal is to provide innovative machinery that starts from bag producing right down to case packing or palletizing. We are proud to have Cooper Machine join AFA Systems to further enhance our offerings to our customers."

About AFA Systems

AFA Systems Ltd. (www.afasystemsinc.com) is a machinery manufacturer focused on engineered automated packaging solutions with a proven track record in the packaging industry worldwide. AFA Systems manufactures cartoners, case packers, tray packers, and palletizers to various industries from food, consumer goods, pharmaceutical, trash bags, and industrial end users. Our objective is to provide innovative solutions to our customers to give them a competitive advantage in the field of packaging automation.

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