



Pakistan has a great future in cotton spinning

Interview: Hans Stahlecker, CEO of Rotorcraft AG.

Rotorcraft was founded in Switzerland in 1973 by the current Chairman and President, Mr. Hans Stahlecker. It has since become a world leader in designing and marketing innovative spinning solutions. Hans Stahlecker and his team have been doing extensive research in developing a compacting system which does not require air-suction, elaborate maintenance, costly spare parts and ever increasing cost of power. **Pakistan Textile**

Journal is pleased to publish an exclusive interview of Mr. Hans Stahlecker, CEO of Rotorcraft AG, Switzerland. Rotorcraft is represented in Pakistan by **Industrial Trading Impex**.

Nadeem Mazhar, Editor

These are indeed difficult times for the global economy. Do you see a light at the end of the tunnel soon?

I believe that the worst is already over and I can see some encouraging signs as we have received orders from China and even Pakistan. It is, however, very difficult to predict exactly when we can expect a complete recovery. Hopefully by the end of this year the situation will be much better than today.

In my opinion the reason behind this mess is that the bankers and hedge fund managers have turned banks into casinos. They have been literally gambling with very high stakes. These bankers were gambling with other people's money to such an extent that the entire global economy collapsed eventually. It has really hurt the real industry which is not based on mere speculation. However as I said earlier I do see signs of improvement and recovery by end of 2009.

How do you foresee the future of cotton spinning in the next five years?

I believe that in the next five years concentration of cotton spinning will

remain in Asia particularly in China, India and Pakistan. This will be even more formidable in the future whether we like it or not. This is a very good opportunity for us because spinning mills in Asia and particular the three countries I mentioned will need the most modern technology and we will be in the best position to provide that for them.

Our focus, therefore, is Asia and we keep in mind the peculiarities of the Asian spinners in mind when developing new technology to provide better solutions for our customers.

What are some of the new developments we can expect from Rotorcraft in the near future?

We are working very hard on two very exciting developments which we expect to bring to the market by the end of this year which at this point I would not like to disclose.

I can assure you that they will be of great value to our customers. We at Rotorcraft bring to our customers tools to produce the same yarn at lower cost or better yarn at the same cost.

This is in a nutshell our goal and philosophy and I am proud to say that we have made tremendous headway in this direction and the new developments that we will unveil will also be based on the principal of significant cost savings for our customers.

In my opinion almost all the spinning in the future will be compact spinning. However this will only be possible if the cost of producing compact yarn is the same as that of the standard yarn.

Do you believe Pakistan's textile industry will be receptive to these new developments by Rotorcraft?

I am absolutely sure of that. Pakistan is going to be one of our biggest markets and the technology of Rotorcraft is ideal for Pakistani spinning mills.

Pakistan has always been a very special country for me. This was the first country which I visited after World War and sold the first drafting equipment. In my opinion Pakistan has a very bright future in the field of textiles. ♦

Swiss spinning solutions by Rotorcraft AG

Rotorcraft stands for Swiss Innovations in Spinning Technology. The latest innovation that Rotorcraft has successfully brought to the ring spinning market is the second generation of Compact Spinning Systems, RoCoS (Rotorcraft Compact Spinning).

This new generation of Compact Spinning Systems attains the yarn quality improvements introduced by the first generation of compacting systems,

while performing considerably more economically and consistently than the conventional pneumatic compacting systems. With annual power savings compared to pneumatic systems between 6 and 8 Euros per spindle, Rocos involves considerably lower capital investment.

RoCoS produces COMPACT YARN without expensive pneumatic air suction; which means:

- ❖ Lower initial investment cost than pneumatic systems while delivering identical spinning results;
- ❖ Lower cost of production for wear and tear parts;
- ❖ Better quality of regular yarn at the same cost or; lower cost for same quality as regular yarn.

For the textile chain the benefits are:

For spinning in addition to all other improvements, compacted yarn ensures a better fibre yield, less fly and fluff resulting in less waste. In weaving warping performance improves which results in up to 10% savings in sizing, increasing the loom efficiency and reduced fibre abrasion.

For knitting with Rocos Compact yarn less fly and fluff, less cleaning, better machine performance and improved fabric appearance can be expected.

In Dyeing, Finishing, End Product, there is reduced shrinkage, no or reduced fabric singeing, less dyestuff consumption, improved colour brilliance, clearer contours on prints, jacquards, multicolour, chequered and stripes and no or reduced enzyme treatment. ♦



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