



PRESS RELEASE

Partnership creates increased opportunities for robotic corrugated packaging solutions

Corrugated machine specialist, Smurfit Kappa Machine Systems, has joined forces with FANUC Robotics (UK) Limited by becoming one of its Strategic Systems Partners. The partnership recognises Smurfit Kappa's close working relationship with FANUC Robotics in the packaging sector.

Acknowledging the need for specific industry knowledge and the skills offered by system integrators, FANUC Robotics will provide Smurfit with sales and engineering support to provide end users with highly efficient robot systems. Smurfit has already supplied 10 FANUC robot systems and is using its industry knowledge to use them innovatively.

"We are continually identifying additional tasks that robots can undertake on our end of line systems. Keeping the robots fully utilised is our aim and we're excited by the prospect of future developments," explained Matt Weeks, General Manager, Smurfit Kappa Machine

Systems. “The flexibility of the robots together with their reliability is a welcome benefit for this industry. Minimum time to market is critical in the Retail Ready Packaging (RRP) business, and the flexibility and multi-tasking ability of robots is essential to cost-effectively achieve short lead times.

As a Strategic Partner to FANUC Robotics, Smurfit’s engineer’s have access to advanced programming training and support together with FANUC’s bespoke simulation software, ROBOGUIDE, to prove proposed systems. Programmes generated by ROBOGUIDE help reduce installation and commissioning time together with increasing customer confidence by having proof of achievable cycle times and capability.



Pictured Left to right: Chris Sumner, Managing Director, FANUC Robotics, Matt Weeks, General Manager, Smurfit Kappa, Roger Harris, Regional Manager, FANUC Robotics



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Notes to editors:

FANUC Robotics UK Limited provides integrated robotic process solutions for manufacturing industry. A wholly owned subsidiary of FANUC Limited of Japan, FANUC Robotics has been established in the UK since 1982. Operating from its 2,200 sq mtr facility in Coventry, FANUC employs over 45 staff, and supports an installed UK base approaching 6,000 robots.

FANUC Limited was established in 1972 and employs over 2000 people world-wide. Based at the foot of Mt Fuji near Lake Yamanaka FANUC's factory uses over 1000 FANUC robots to support the production of over 24,000 robots per annum. The global installed base of Fanuc robots is over 160,000.