

AssiDomän increases capacity in releaseliner

AssiDomän Barrier Coating increases capacity for manufacturing double-sided PE coated releaseliner. The investment amounts to 10,2 MEUR (90 MSEK) and will extend production capacity by 30 per cent. Manufacturing takes place at AssiDomän Inncoat in Raubling, Germany, a site already specialised on these products. The new production line is scheduled to start production in mid 2000.

AssiDomän Barrier Coating is the world leader within the high-end releaseliner segment. Market growth of more than 10 per cent is expected per year in this profitable segment. Customers in this segment are located in the US, Europe and Asia.

-The market for this highly specialised product is presently growing rapidly. This is why we now choose a fast expansion in this area, explains Arne Rengstedt, President of AssiDomän Barrier Coating. The best way to do this is by investing in our site, Inncoat in Germany. Since the US is an important market for our products, we are also extending our customising capacity in Minneapolis. Planned installation for extrusion has been postponed slightly to secure a fast expansion at our German plant.

Releaseliner is a specially coated paper, often with several coatings, which is used as protective paper for self-adhesive material. These materials are used to coat for example road signs, commercial vehicles and aeroplanes.

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Barrier Coating processes paper, liner, cartonboard and other substrates
by coating and laminating with various types of polymers.

The Business Unit is part of AssiDomän, one of the leading forest industries in Europe. Manufacturing is concentrated on packaging paper, packaging sawn timber and wood processing. In 1998 net turnover amounted to SEK 24 billion and the number of employees is approximately 17,000. Manufacturing is carried out in 17 European countries, and more than 80 per cent of sales are outside of Sweden.