

Training academy for ink technicians

PETER Blythe, recently-appointed sales director for Hi-Tech Inks in Durban, is running the company's Training Academy for Printers & Ink Technicians.

Hi-Tech Inks offers training courses in ink technology for both flexo and gravure printers, and claims to be the only ink company in Southern Africa to offer such a service.

'Our vision,' Blythe explains, 'is to achieve a sustainable competitive advantage in international markets, and to exceed the expectations of all stakeholders.'

Asked how this can be achieved, he replies: 'Enhancing technology has its limitations, but developing staff and enhancing their growth is the way forward. One way to do this is



through technical training.'

Hi-Tech's aim is to provide insight into the technology of liquid ink manufacture; to provide a basic understanding of colour and colour printing; and to provide knowledge and skills in conducting tests on liquid inks and their effect when printed on various substrates using flexographic and gravure printing processes.

Hi-Tech's training course serves as a basis for core knowledge and skills required by factory personnel in liquid ink manufacture and colour printing process. ■

Bobst/Metso acquisition completed

REGULATORY approval processes completed in Germany, Spain and Turkey have cleared the way for the conclusion of the acquisition by the Bobst Group of Metso Corporation's Converting business. These companies — Atlas, General and Titan in the UK, and Rotomec in Italy — will now be integrated into the Bobst Group, completing the product range already offered by Schiavi and enabling Bobst to offer a full range of solutions for flexible packaging converters.

These companies offer rotogravure and flexographic printing presses, coating, laminating and vacuum metallising production lines, as well as slitters and sheet cutters.