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Il Sole 24 ORE Opts for MAN Roland's REGIOMAN

New Web-fed Offset Presses for Three Production Sites

Il Sole 24 ORE, the leading European economic and financial media group, has ordered three MAN Roland REGIOMAN web offset presses, to be delivered in 2005.

This contract is the first phase of an investment programme totalling 110 million EUR planned by Il Sole 24 ORE to expand the capacity of its printing plants and increase page counts as well as number of colour pages. The REGIOMAN presses represent a substantial double-digit million EUR share of the total investment planned.

The three new REGIOMAN systems are equipped with three formers each for printing newspapers with three sections of variable page count. An extension to allow producing 64 pages in four-colour is under consideration.

Besides newspaper publishing, the activities of the Il Sole 24 ORE media group encompass information channels such as "L'editoria professionale", magazine and financial book printing, data banks, managing software, the organizing of conferences, seminars and training courses, and further include the press agency Radiocor, the broadcasting station Radio 24, the digital broadcasting channel ventiquattrore.tv, and the website www.ilsole24ore.com – a wide range of products directed at companies, managers and public administrations.

Number One in Italy and in All of Europe

With its weekly audience of 6 million people – readers, subscribers, listeners and internet surfers – Il Sole 24 ORE ranks first in Italy as well as in Europe as a whole. Editorial offices: Milan and Rome in addition to nine other locations in Italy and six in other parts of the world. Printing centres: ten (two of them owned by the group: Milan and Carsoli). Offices: 28 in Italy, six in other locations throughout the world.