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VMI launches the VMI MILEXX a new dawn for truck tire building

Following the success of the legendary VAST family, VMI launches its new truck tire building machine at the Tire Technology Expo 2016: named MILEXX. MILEXX is an innovative platform which resulted from a 3 year development project including comprehensive field testing. With a capacity close to 700 tires per day, the machine is able to achieve production and quality levels unparalleled in the industry.

The MILEXX is developed in line with VMI MAXX technology® principles and features several unique technical innovations. For example, the automatic Clip-Bar® for advanced material clamping enables hands-off application of innerliner and sidewall. VMI's proprietary vision technology is incorporated by several camera monitoring applications. This all results in reduced operator influences and guarantees an improved tire quality. With highly advanced and reliable stitching capabilities, the machine is very flexible and can be configured to customer specific requirements.

Extensive field tests carried out over the last year have proven the new technology works reliably. VMI is therefore confident that this exciting new product will meet the stringent requirements of the truck tire market right from the start. Demonstrations of a MILEXX can be arranged upon request.

The mission of VMI is to help its customers to become more competitive in their markets and more profitable. MILEXX will be an important addition to the VMI product portfolio.

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About VMI

People feel a real pride when they create technical innovations that keep manufacturers ahead in their markets. That's the passion behind the VMI Group and our work with tires, rubber, cans and care products. And the reason VMI is the market leader in complex production machinery. We employ more than 1,200 people around the world, with production facilities in the Netherlands, Germany, Poland, the USA, China and Brazil. These are people who dedicate constant effort to developing new products and solutions to meet current – and future – manufacturing demands.

So you enjoy fast and efficient production, consistent high quality output and profitable return on your investment. Not just on the nuts and bolts of the machinery – but also with long-term and personal relationships with our team of experts.

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