

being marketed by Germany's X-ident – and one of its first customers was the Vatican!

Cutting waste

With little prospect of rising sales in 2009, label equipment manufacturers are concentrating on cost-cutting measures. One major label converter who claims to be reducing production costs while at the same time polishing up its “green” credentials is Skanem. At its German plant in Willich, Skanem has installed waste extraction and processing equipment from Matho. According to production manager Antonius Fornefeld, the new system, which handles both edge trim and matrix waste, is not only “ecologically correct,” but has also increased press productivity by reducing downtime for removing waste material, and improved air quality with a consequent improvement in working conditions.

If you can't stand the heat...

Germany's Schreiner Group, which recently opened a plant in Blauvelt, NY, USA, has now set up a sales

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