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CC1 gets Gannett register upgrade

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CC1 Inc. said it's supplying its automatic register control systems and other equipment to five Gannett Co. Inc. plants, including four operated by Gannett Offset.

and doublewide presses.

At Gannett Offset in Springfield, which prints publications including USA Today, The New York Times, Financial

ogy is the most recent step to upgrade the three presses, which have been in operation for 37 years, 31 years and 26 years, respectively.

"The goal is to reduce waste, improve efficiency and enhance quality," Jones said. "We have already completed the press upgrades that yielded the largest benefit for these Goss presses," including the addition of digital inkers and controls, digital RTPs, tool-less plate lock ups, spraybars, press rebuilds and replacing old DC drives for AC-powered drives. "Registration was the latest process."

Jones said managers first began evaluating CC1's technology in early 2008. Following a successful pilot in which Gannett was able to validate its return-on-investment projections, installation began in earnest in December before concluding in February.

"One of our goals was to cut print waste on USA Today by a half a percent, and we are achieving that," he said.

Jones also said Gannett Offset is reaping some benefits from CC1's APR software, which automatically calculates and corrects any unit-to-unit mistiming that may occur prior to makeready. "We also like the production reporting feature that provides the ability to validate quality control for our customers, which is beneficial in the commercial market," he said.

CC1's eXaminer II, introduced last year, tracks registration through compact cameras equipped to take pictures as well as analyze any register variation.

Britton Services Inc. provided contracting service assistance for the CC1 installations in Massachusetts, Arizona and Atlanta. ▲

CC1 installed its automatic register control, register motorization and control software across three presses at Gannett Offset's Springfield, Va., plant.

The vendor installed eXaminer II automatic register control systems along with its Automatic Press Retiming and TRAM production reporting systems at GO plants in Norwood, Mass., Chandler, Ariz., Atlanta and Springfield, Va. It's also placed an eXaminer II and TRAM system at the Times Argus in Howell, Mich., according to George Tapley, CC1's sales manager. The equipment, spanning more than 460 register motors and 60 cameras, was installed on Goss International Corp. singlewide

Times and a variety of military-oriented newspapers as well as commercial products, CC1 placed automatic register control, register motorization and APR software across three Goss doublewide presses — two Metros and one Metroliner. Each press is equipped with four register cameras and 43 motorization packages.

Latest upgrade

Jim Jones, vice president of operations, said the installation of register control technol-

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