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#### Vision

To evolve our technology so as to expand in our fields and adapt the advantages of our products to new markets.

To create a reliable complete supply chain—serving predominantly, but not only, the ink, paint and coatings industry—that will sustain our core businesses.

#### Mission

To deliver, technologically advanced, integratedengineering, turnkey solutions and to provide a trusted service to the industries we serve, while strengthening our commitment to total safety and responsibility.



# The IM GROUP Story

Inkmaker srl—founder of the holding brand IM GROUP—was established in 1987 by Giuliano Cigna, Carlo Musso and Luciano Longobardi in Turin, Italy to manufacture high precision dispensing stations for ink and paint products.

During 30 years of activity, Inkmaker srl strengthened its presence in the international arena; creating several branches in Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia and Australia.

In mid 2018, Inkmaker srl, was bought over by KRCV Srl (wholly owned by the top managers of IM GROUP; Christophe Rizzo, (GM Italy); Valentina Cigna (President Italy); Roberto Guerra (MD Asia); and Kar Seng (GM Greater China).

In October 2019, Inkmaker srl formed the Inkmaker Group brand after acquiring the businesses of Rexson Systems Limited and Vale-Tech Limited, United Kingdom. In January 2020, Inkmaker srl acquired the business of Tecnopails S.n.c, Italy. In September 2020 Inkmaker srl acquired the business of SWESA Dosiersysteme GmbH, Germany and in the same year Teko Tinting and Engineering joined the group.

On 22 April 2021, Inkmaker Group officially rebranded to become IM GROUP and in October 2021 it announced that IEC+ srl, the mechanical engineering specialist —renowned for the design and manufacture of dispersing, grinding and mixing equipment—had joined its group. The move was a significant boost to IM GROUP's portfolio and saw IEC+ become a central catalyst to spearhead each of the group's other brands into IM GROUP's next stage of 'Advanced' engineering solutions".





## Who we are

IM GROUP (formerly Inkmaker Group) is a global technology leader headquartered in Italy– focused on reliability. It is the holding brand of: Inkmaker, Rexson, Vale-tech, Swesa, Teko, Tecnopails and IEC+.

With its combined strength the group offers advanced integrated-engineering solutions within the industries of paint, coatings, ink, speciality-chemicals, adhesives, corrugated packaging, flexography, pharmaceutical, food, cosmetic, textiles and more—from design and manufacturing through to complete engineering studies and turnkey solutions for:

- Customised plant engineering and software design
- Highly accurate automated dispensing
- Process equipment from bulk handling to filling lines
- POS equipment
- and other related services

IM GROUP conducts this through the use of:

- Cloud connectivity
- Industry 4.0 automation
- Advanced ink-transfer systems
- Increased safety and reduction of environmental impact

The group's systems, manufactured in 3 continents are powered by the group's state-of-theart proprietary software, to guarantee highly accurate colours consistently, precisely and instantly. IM GROUP operates in over 15 countries throughout 5 continents.







## **Human Capital**



Training is regularly provided to employees, on topics relevant to IM GROUP's activities. To promote the development of skills these include initiatives like IMPaCT (Partner Collaboration Training program), where industry leaders are invited to share their expertise.

IM GROUP's Human Resources department employs the SGSL system, with all Health and safety procedures, for annual internal audit.

## Sustainability and CSR

IM GROUP is committed to ensuring sustainable ethical principles and a safe work environment.



The project is called "Road to Growth" and defines a plan outlining economic, social and environmental objectives,

with any corrective actions to be taken, in line with our company strategy. IM GROUP's aim is to reduce the current resources it uses, and the waste that it creates, to conserve resources and help reduce environmental pollution.

IM GROUP is partnering with international consultants, to further its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and sustainability practices, to ensure alignment with the United Nations' Global Compact.

## **Health & Safety**

IM GROUP, and its sub brands, is an equal opportunities employer committed to providing employees with a work environment that is safe, hazard free and characterised by respect and the fair treatment of individuals. To ensure this, IM GROUP abides by the governmental standards of the countries it operates in; eg EEC safety standards. Additionally, equipment and machinery are constantly upgraded to align with international certifications such as ISO.





# **Our Brands**

#### **About IM GROUP**

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#### About Inkmaker Worldwide

Formed in 1987, Inkmaker is the founding member of IM GROUP. It is a global manufacturer of integrated-dispensing and mixing systems that enhance productivity using industry-4.0 automation (llot). Inkmaker systems, manufactured in three continents, are powered by the group's state-of-the-art proprietary software, and integrated with precise engineered solutions to guarantee the highest levels of accuracy. Inkmaker is located in San Gillio, near Turin, Italy. Visit **inkmaker.com** 





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#### **About Rexson Systems**

**About Vale-Tech** 

Established in 1984, Rexson is a privately-owned British brand of automated dispensers that are widely used in the paint and coatings industry, as well as the industries of cosmetics, food, oils, pharmaceuticals, liquid ink and speciality chemicals. Materials can be liquid, gels or paste, hazardous, caustic, flammable or have thixotropic rheology. Rexson is located in Newmarket, UK and has a global network of regional sales and support partners. Visit **rexson.co.uk** 





# Established in 1985 Vale-Tech, previously a subsidiary of Rexson, is a British brand of ink-dispensing systems used in printing industries. Valetech employs a team of engineers dedicated to the design and build of innovative products incorporating the latest technology focused on narrow-web and paste-ink dispensing systems. Vale-Tech is located in Newmarket, UK and has created a network of loyal customers via global offices and support partners. Visit **vale-tech.co.uk**





# **Our Brands**

#### **About SWESA**

Formed in Germany in 1994, Swesa, is a privately owned and independent German manufacturer specialised in customised automated dosing-systems for the food packaging, tissues and heavy-duty corrugated packaging industries. Swesa machines are customisable and explosion-risk (ATEX) certified. SWESA is located in at Eltville am Rhein, Germany and has a global network of regional and international clients and support partners. Visit swesa.de







#### Established in 2013, Teko Tinting and Engineering is a privately-owned solutions partner specialised in; Point-of-Sale systems and integrated solutions combining engineering with chemistry. Located near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Jakarta, Indonesia, Teko Tinting and











**About Teko** 

#### **About Tecnopails**

Established in 1974 as Lavelli e C, Tecnopails, is a privately-owned and independent Italian manufacturer of customised modular automated filling, sealing, labelling and palletising machinery—for pails, buckets and cans—that are widely used in the ink, paint and coatings, food and speciality industries. Tecnopails' machines are explosion risk (ATEX) certified. Tecnopails is located in Piacenza in Northern Italy with a global network of regional and international clients and support partners. Visit tecnopails.it

#### About IEC+

Established in 2013, IEC+ srl is a mechanical-engineering company, specialised in the design and manufacturing of process equipment for dispersion, grinding, mixing, and filtration as well as complete engineering studies and turnkey solutions. IEC+ is located in Travesetolo, Parma, Northern Italy with a global network of regional and international clients and support partners. Visit iecplus.com





# Research & Development IM Software

Based in San Gillio, near Turin, Italy, IM GROUP's cutting-edge R&D department is dedicated to developing its innovative, efficient and user-friendly proprietary software.

Available in 28 languages, IM GROUP's software operates from small compact units to complex industrial systems.

IM GROUP's software is the brain behind the reliability and consistency of its technology. Easily expanded and customised, they offer unlimited application fields and can be integrated with all leading management applications.





# **Customer Support**

We provide all our clients with a range of maintenance contracts, for prevention and repair, customised to their individual needs. Our services are specifically tailored for any requirement, they include:

- 24/6 After Sales Customer Response Centre
- Virtual-Assisted Maintenance (VAM)
- On-site Maintenance Intervention (OMI)
- Regular control and set up
- Optimisation of the use of consumables
- Reduction of operating costs and troubleshooting
- Conformity with norms and safety rules
- Constant operator-training updates
- Prolonged lifespan
- Spare-parts consultancy
- Promotional prices on spare parts and free software upgrades.



# The Colour

**Our Promise** 

Practical benefit: We will invest in reliable products and services.

Emotional benefit: We will conduct our business ethically and responsibly.







# of Trust

#### **Our Value**

IM GROUP, is based on the brand values of T R U S T, of being: Truthful • Responsible • Understanding • Safe • Tailor-made which sit at the core of our brand DNA — "Reliability". This is what we stand for.

We represent a dynamic, competitive and reliable organisation, offering; advanced integrated-engineering solutions ...with a human touch.

This culminates in our credo and positioning; "The Colour of Trust"









# **Dispensing | Introduction**

In many areas, the operation of mixing different ingredients into a finished product is still performed manually, at times through the work of skilled personnel.

With the market steadily moving towards automation, and the need to perform an increasing number of operations within limited time, the need to progress from manually performed tasks is becoming stronger.

Furthermore, with the increase in the number of operations, there is a need to produce smaller batches; due to larger products diversification, increased customer customisation, the overall tendency to reduce stock and to produce only what the market demands.

Our Dispensing Solution business unit enables the reproduction of any formulation starting from a number of selected components in strictly controlled manners, avoiding human errors, and in a safe and risk-free environment.







# Ink Dispensing | Machinery

Liquid-ink Dispensing



# **Coatings | Applications**

In many fields, the blending of different ingredients is still done manually, yet the need to change production methodology is becoming inevitable. The market is heading towards automation, coupled with the need to perform more operations within a limited time, decreasing batch size—due to product diversification and increased customisation—and the need to reduce stock by producing only what is required.

Our dispensing technology can reproduce any formula starting from a number of components, consequently optimising production, eliminating errors and wastages, maximising time, and drastically reducing labour costs, all within a safe and risk-free environment.

With our extensive knowledge of all that is related to paint and coating, we help our customers by providing customised and comprehensive engineering, starting from advisory consultation all the way to turnkey implementation.

Successfully in operation all over the world, our extremely accurate and versatile in-plant dispensing systems offer a wide range of solutions within the paint and coating industry: from the production of ready-mixed paint to the dosing of chemicals and additives as part of the production process.

Our dispensing systems are also extremely compact, helping to reduce the footprint of the production area.



SYSTEM LAYOUT PLAN VIEW





The EASYPAINT concept is IM GROUP's most flexible and complete range of automatic-dispensing solutions, tailored to meet desired targets of performance and productivity, to maximise available space and minimise manpower. Both In-Batch and In-Can solutions are available.



















# Filling Lines | Machinery



# **Engineering | Introduction**

IEC+ is our Turnkey Solution business unit. It offers precision engineering through to turnkey solutions backed by reliable process-equipment manufacturing.

With over three decades of experience IEC+'s team, of highly-trained engineers and designers, guarantee technologically-advanced solutions with a personalised touch, ensuring that every project, regardless of size or complexity, is meticulously customised to clients' individual needs.

IEC+ specialises in the design, manufacture and supply of machines and plants for the following:





# **Process Solutions | Introduction**

IEC+'s Process-solution business unit offers a wide range of process equipment and solutions for, dispersion, grinding, mixing and filtration.

Additionally, it offers, 'advanced engineering', for design, projection and management services extended to all the production processes, site management and software interface. This starts from preliminary engineering studies through to the complete project implementation and delivery, using the specialisations from all of IM GROUP's brands.





# **Process Equipment | Machinery**

IEC+ process equipment includes the following:

- Agitators and Mixers
- Dispersers for mobile tanks
- Dispersers for fixed tanks
- Verticals and Horizontal mills
- Extruder systems
- Washing systems





Floor-mounted Disolver

Basket Mill

Extruder



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