

Name change for Raute

Raute Precision has changed its name to Lahti Precision Oy. Lahti Precision supplies weighing and dosing systems and plants, scales and weighing components as well as related maintenance services. ■

New UAE float facility

The construction of a new float glass facility in the UAE is underway, reports Guardian Industries and its joint venture partners, National Company for Glass Industries and Al Zamil Group. The new plant is being built in Ras Al Khaimah and will be known as Guardian RAK, with production scheduled to begin in the third quarter of 2007.

Guardian RAK will produce 700 tpd to be used in automotive and construction applications, including high-performance coated glass. The initial investment was approximately US\$115 million (€90 million) and the plant will employ 300 people. ■

New float glass venture for China Glass

China Glass is to build a second float glass line at an existing site in China, in partnership with Shaanxi Blue Star at its plant in Xi'an. The venture, worth €24 million (US\$30.5 million), was announced a week after China Glass announced an agreement with Pilkington to set up a low-iron glass manufacturing venture in Taicang. ■

Environmental dissemination day

A 'dissemination day' will take place early next year to highlight the MEIGLASS (Minimising the Environmental Impact of glass recycling and glass container production) life environmental project. This project aims to demonstrate the environmental benefits and cost efficiency of a process developed by Sasil that adapts sophisticated natural minerals treatment processes for cullet treatment.

The dissemination day will take place at Biella University in Italy on 26 January. Participation is free of charge and registration should be completed by 10 January 2007. For further details contact ATIV (+39 0525 406795 or email ferrari@ativ-online.it). ■

New universal palletising head

MSK has developed a palletising product which it claims makes gripping heads and job changes redundant. The universal palletising head stacks most types of different bottles directly from the accumulating table on the pallet, thereby saving the intermediate place that is necessary with the sweeping metal. The bottles are taken over almost pressure-free by the universal head and handed over into the centring frame. The universal head is the latest addition to the MSK complete palletising system. ■

