

AstenJohnson and Yamauchi Corp NV Forge Expanded Partnership Accross EMEA

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AstenJohnson and Yamauchi Corp NV are thrilled to announce a strategic expansion of their partnership, with AstenJohnson now serving as the exclusive representative for Yamabelt in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. This collaboration stems from a shared commitment to customer satisfaction and ongoing support, making it a seamless fit for both companies.

Mr. Saito [Managing Director, Yamauchi Corp NV Hasselt] expressed, *"This decision aligns with our successful partnership in North and South America, reinforcing our global collaboration."* Hubert Cremer [Managing Director, AstenJohnson Eupen] adds, *"Extending this partnership was a logical progression, considering our longstanding success in the Americas."*

By integrating the Yamabelt into press sections, this partnership aims to significantly enhance product quality and optimize operational performance.

By combining state-of-the-art Press felts and Shoe press belts, tailored to meet specific needs, this collaboration promises to deliver unique results in various applications. Customers can anticipate an enhanced press section setup, complemented by AstenJohnson's successful forming and dryer solutions. AstenJohnson and Yamauchi Corp NV are confident that this extended partnership will bring unmatched value to customers throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Press release is available for download at www.astenjohnson.com.

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About AstenJohnson

AstenJohnson is a global manufacturer of pulp & paper machine clothing, advanced and filtration fabrics, filaments, and nonwoven fabrics for filtration, automotive, cured-in-place piping and composites. As a supplier to the paper industry since 1790, it has a thorough knowledge of technical textiles and processes – and knows how to apply its expertise to help customers be more profitable. The company employs approximately 2,100 people. Its corporate headquarters is in Charleston, South Carolina, USA.

About Yamauchi Corp NV

For more than a century since its foundation in 1918, Yamauchi has been contributing to society as a company that specializes in the manufacture of industrial rubber and plastic products. Today, Yamauchi supplies high-quality industrial parts to manufacturers of various products in diverse fields, such as audio and visual products, copy machines, printers, disk drives, paper-making machines and textile machines. In recent years, the company has begun developing a number of products that may well become global standards. To respond to a wide range of needs of manufacturers around the world, Yamauchi conducts dynamic business activities in collaboration with other Yamauchi Group Companies.