

BAUMANN: Triumph in "BASA-patent" dispute

By the beginning of this year, the European patent office in Munich has confirmed BAUMANN Maschinenbau Solms the "BASA-patent".

The contents of the patent-registered process has been accurately defined in patent specification EP 1443006. The patent describes mainly the system of the "roller grippers", which BAUMANN has integrated in all BASAs worldwide, which have been delivered since the beginning of 2004. Only by means of these "roller-grippers" is it possible to break open the layer of printed sheets reliably, to separate and aerate the sheets, which is the precondition for an efficient automatic jogging process.

The patent was applied for in January 2004, already, and it was assigned in October 2007. Due to the objection of one of BAUMANN's competitors, the patent had been dormant since June 2008 and has been reconfirmed by the European patent office after the hearing of 21 January 2010.

Only BAUMANN Maschinenbau Solms as the holder of the patent is authorized to use this patented process of "roller grippers" for automatic jogging systems. Sublicenses have not been assigned. The opposing party has got the possibility to re-appeal to court.

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