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Albe De Coker is a company that strives to automate and to structure as much as possible. :Apogee Prepress fits perfectly in this philosophy. Also standardization is of key importance, all the jobs are printed with ISO certification.

:Apogee workflow at Albe De Coker

Albe was founded in 1947 by Louis Albrecht and Wim Beyers and it didn't take long for the company to grow and become one of the leading printing companies in Belgium. The emphasis was put on medium and large high quality print runs and the extensive finishing department allowed the company to produce unique products.

Mr. Frans De Coker founded his printing company in 1877 in the centre of Antwerp. Five generations succeeded each other, building a printing company renowned for its quality printwork and in 1987 the continuous growth forced the company to move to a new production site in the Antwerp suburb of Hoboken. De Coker specialised in small and medium offset printruns but was also one of the early adaptors of digital printing. The combination of digital and offset printing together with extensive logistics gave the company a unique position as a supplier of total document solutions.

The company Albe De Coker was created in 2007 when Albe and De Coker, decided to join their strengths with the merged company operating from one site in Hoboken, near Antwerp.

We spoke with technical director Mr. Patrick Leus and their prepress manager Mr. Kristof Peeters.



Customer Testimonial

Can you please give us a short introduction to your company?

Albe De Coker is one of Belgium's leading offset sheetfed printers with a turnover of 26 million euro and with about 40% of output exported.

Our team of 110 qualified people and state-of-the-art machinery enable us to produce a wide range of print in the most efficient way. To maintain this position we keep investing in the most modern equipment, for example in spring 2011 we installed three brand new KBA Rapida 106 presses; 10 colour, an 8 colour and a 5 colour machine with in-line varnishing.

All these presses are equipped with a simultaneous plate change system, allowing us to change all plates in less than 1 minute! Moreover each sheet is in-line colour-controlled to assure a reliable print result.

Our production process is accredited ISO12647 and our ambition now is to grow to be the most modern printing company in the country and to be a key graphic company in the Benelux.

What type of work does the company offer?

We print jobs from 1 to 1,000,000 copies in the shortest possible delivery time and at the most competitive prices with the highest possible quality. We offer a total solution for small or large run lengths, for all type of print communication, including extensive finishing and logistics.

Why made you choose :Apogee v7.1workflow?

In order to strengthen our profitability we continuously optimize our workflow and process management.



Agfa Graphics has been a partner of Albe The Coker for more than 20 years now. Several comparisons with other providers have shown that Agfa Graphics is still the best choice for us.

We are very satisfied with Agfa Graphics as a partner in general and: with :Apogee in particular.

Our collaboration with Agfa Graphics Service also runs well.

Customer Testimonial

What do you think is the single most important feature of :Apogee?

A lot of imposition is now carried out with :Apogee Impose where previously we used Adobe Preps, which means we can now work much faster.

About 95% of our work is done with :Apogee Impose with the remaining 5% further processed with Preps.

Also about 80% of these jobs are processed with AutoImpose and in many cases this works even faster than the stripping through the MIS system.

What do you specific like about :Apogee Impose?

The speed, the choice of the JDF fold catalogue and the preview of page thumbnails. It has also increased the number of processed jobs

How does :Apogee help you to achieve your goals?

With the JDF integration and Portal we are improving both our internal and external communication. The processing speed is attained with a configuration of 4 servers.

In the future we want to strengthen the JDF integration between our CERM MIS system and :Apogee.

What benefits have already been realized since the integration of MIS with :Apogee?

The creation of jobtickets with all the necessary technical information.

Our ambition is to have a JMF feedback from Portal and :Apogee to the planning of the CERM system.

Want to share your Apogee experience with others? Contact us: Apogee@agfa.com

More customer testimonials can be found on the AgfaGraphics website:

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