

Evertz and Sapotech agree on strategic cooperation for semi product surface conditioning

We are pleased to announce that **The Evertz Group** and **Sapotech Oy** have entered into a technology and business partnership whereby Evertz has taken a strategic stake in the Finnish company.

The newly formed alliance using Sapotech's cutting-edge machine vision technologies will support and enhance Evertz Group's state of the art semi product conditioning services. The introduction of Sapotech's Reveal CAST automatic surface inspection solutions will enable Evertz to develop new added value services for steel makers. Automation and digitalization of surface quality management has the potential to dramatically improve the conditioning services and surface quality of the products processed, directly benefiting the end users.

Sapotech's existing co-operation with Vesuvius PLC continues as before. Vesuvius, being world leading experts in Flow Control, will support and mutually complement the partnership with Evertz bringing benefits to all customers. Vesuvius is and will remain the global distributor of Sapotech's Reveal product range in Central Europe, Asia and the Americas.

The business agreements with Vesuvius and now also with Evertz will enable Sapotech to accelerate and expand its market development. Further collaboration activities will inevitably be created between these three leading companies.

Mr. Saku Kaukonen, CEO of Sapotech, said, "*We are delighted to share this news about the co-operation with The Evertz Group. Based on the feedback received from the markets there is an urgent need for automatic surface inspection solutions to enhance the quality of the semi-products, efficiency of the process itself and traceability of the products. Together with Evertz we are now offering all this to our current and future customers.*".

Mr. Gilles Schwartz, Managing Partner of Evertz, quoted, "*Since our first contacts with Sapotech we were completely convinced of their products, services, know-how and their team. It is paramount for Evertz today to provide our customers with automatic and complete surface detection solutions. We are very excited to have signed this strategic cooperation and look forward to developing their business with them.*".

Sapotech Oy : Based in Finland, Sapotech offers breakthrough solutions to the metals industry, combining unique image processing and laser technologies to inspect the production of metals at all temperatures. Sapotech solutions are built on top of the IoT Reveal Platform, combining the latest software, machine vision, high speed imaging and illumination technologies. www.sapotech.fi



The Evertz Group : Founded in 1956, Evertz is a recognized, family owned business providing competitive quality mill services and turnkey equipment to the world's steel industry. Core business activities include semi-finished product management, grinding, scarfing, milling, oxycutting, slab logistics and materials handling. www.evertz-group.com

