

PRESS RELEASE

Itac replicate key quality requirements, time and time again.

Exopack Advanced Coatings is a world leader in the manufacture of coated papers, films and speciality substrates and also a global specialist in contract coating laminating and finishing flexible materials.



The company maintains strategic partnerships with leading OEM and private label manufacturing clients and operates similar partnerships with a select number of thoroughly audited and tested suppliers.

Specialist adhesives and coating manufacturer Itac is such a partner.

The relationship was forged just over twelve months ago, when Exopack Advanced Coatings recognised its need for an increased and regular supply of a vital liquid coating. The solution forms a crucial surface requirement for an innovative 'state of the art' printing application film.

Exopack Advanced Coatings approached Itac, a company that it knew as being qualified from a technical, commercial and safety viewpoint. From the outset there was a synergy between the two businesses and a partnership developed quickly.

Driven by its own high standards and its critical high tech areas of activity, Exopack Advanced Coatings has developed strict, crucial requirements to prove and measure process capability and repeatability. The substance being manufactured by Itac, requires particularly rigid process parameters in order to achieve 'cloned product replication'. These include temperature, automatic data acquisition and quantitative filtration and dispersion measurements. In less than a year, Itac has been able to develop 'steady state manufacturing' complete with an impressive statistical process control system. The system meets all production guidelines. Furthermore, key personnel from both companies now meet regularly to review the risk minimization system and to develop the programme further. Prior to ratification of the partnership, Itac has now formally qualified as a manufacturing partner for Exopack Advanced Coatings.

Itac's Managing Director - Paul Armitt commented: 'Itac works as a manufacturing partner with many organizations, but our experience with Exopack Advanced Coatings has helped us to achieve 'a step change' in our partnership service. It demonstrates our ability to work with the world's highest calibre companies. It shows we are able to understand and control critical to function process parameters which are vital to the performance of our clients end product'.

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