SCA Graphic Laakirchen AG was concerned about meeting current quality needs – as well as future ones. The company recently selected ABB’s Quality Control System to meet their demanding quality requirements.

By upgrading with ABB’s highly-reliable Quality Control QCS800xA, SCA Graphic Laakirchen AG ensured that they will reduce product defects and waste.

**SCA – Europe’s second largest packaging manufacturer**

SCA Graphic Laakirchen AG is an Austrian subsidiary of the international SCA (Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget) Group, Europe’s second largest packaging manufacturer.

SCA Group produces and sells packaging solutions, sanitary products and printing papers worldwide. SCA employs over 50,000 people in more than 50 countries.

SCA’s Laakirchen mill specializes in the production and development of super calendered gravure printing and offset paper. Laakirchen’s two paper machines, PM10 and PM11, annually produce approximately 500,000 tons of high-quality super-calendered gravure printing and offset paper. About 95% of production is sold in Europe.

**From tradition to innovation**

Paper manufacturing in Laakirchen has a long tradition reaching back to the mid-19th century, however the Laakirchen mill is known for its consistent use of forward-looking technologies. Quality control systems from ABB are a key part of this approach.

An ABB Quality Control System has been used since 1987 on PM10 for quality assurance. After the current upgrade of the PM10 with ABB’s Quality Control System, the mill plans to upgrade three calander systems.

**Minimum of technical risk**

One essential reason why SCA chose ABB as their supplier again: the guarantee that changes can be made with a minimum of technical risk during scheduled plant downtimes. Laakirchen can also run their old and the new systems simultaneously – another good argument for choosing ABB.
The ABB concept provided for the continued use of the existing measuring frame SP1200 – another practical example of the investment security provided by ABB solutions.

During implementation an international project team worked as part of the Paper System Europe-concept, along with local technicians, to make sure that the required skills were available at the right time and place. ABB provided evidence for the agreed system availability and precision guarantees.

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