

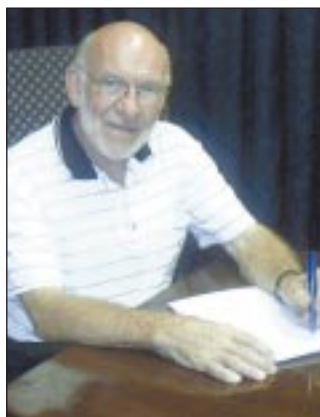
## Training academy for ink technicians

**P**ETER Blythe, recently-appointed sales director for Hi-Tech Inks in Durban, is running the company's Training Academy for Printers & Ink Technicians.

Hi-Tech Inks offers training courses in ink technology for both flexo and gravure printers, and claims to be the only ink company in Southern Africa to offer such a service.

'Our vision,' Blythe explains, 'is to achieve a sustainable competitive advantage in international markets, and to exceed the expectations of all stakeholders.'

Asked how this can be achieved, he replies: 'Enhancing technology has its limitations, but developing staff and enhancing their growth is the way forward. One way to do this is



through technical training.'

Hi-Tech's aim is to provide insight into the technology of liquid ink manufacture; to provide a basic understanding of colour and colour printing; and to provide knowledge and skills in conducting tests on liquid inks and their effect when printed on various substrates using flexographic and gravure printing processes.

Hi-Tech's training course serves as a basis for core knowledge and skills required by factory personnel in liquid ink manufacture and colour printing process. ■

## Bobst/Metso acquisition completed

**R**EGULATORY approval processes completed in Germany, Spain and Turkey have cleared the way for the conclusion of the acquisition by the Bobst Group of Metso Corporation's Converting business. These companies — Atlas, General and Titan in the UK, and Rotomec in Italy — will now be integrated into the Bobst Group, completing the product range already offered by Schiavi and enabling Bobst to offer a full range of solutions for flexible packaging converters.

These companies offer rotogravure and flexographic printing presses, coating, laminating and vacuum metallising production lines, as well as slitters and sheet cutters.