Kusters Calico inaugurates new upgraded manufacturing facility

- *Rs 10 crores already invested with Rs 5 crores more allocated in 2018*
- *New facility to help timely delivery of high quality German technologies*
- *Targets revenue of Rs 120 crores as against Rs 85 crores now*

Kusters Calico Machinery Pvt Ltd (KCM), a producer and exporter of open width wet textile processing machines for both woven and knitted fabrics, inaugurated its upgraded manufacturing facility on April 11, 2018. With this new upgraded manufacturing facility, KCM aims to provide timely delivery and high quality German products to customers in India and abroad.

With strong backing of its German parent, the Jagenberg Group, which now holds 100% controlling stake in Kusters Calico since February 2018, KCM started the upgradation exercise two years back and has invested close to Rs. 10 crores, with plans to invest another Rs. 5 crores in 2018.

Now, the company has set a goal to reach revenues of Rs 120 crores in the next few years, as against Rs 85 crores currently.

The inaugural function was graced by Shri Rajendra Trivedi, Hon'ble Speaker, Gujarat Legislative Assembly, Shri Mansukh Vasava, Member of Parliament and Shri Satish Patel, Ex Member of Gujarat Legislative Assembly.

The function was also attended by Dr. Erich Broeker, Group CEO, Jagenberg AG and Managing Director Kleinewefers GmbH, Germany, Mr Sushil Verma, Managing Director, Kusters Calico Machinery Pvt. Ltd and employees of KCM.

Under the upgradation program, KCM has constructed a new 22,000 sq. feet assembly shed, one double column 4 metre x 1.5 metre 4 axis rotating head machining centre, converted all lathe machines to CNC and commissioned separate blasting and painting booths, for both MS and SS. Also, successfully commissioned SAP B1, HRMS and PLM software. These are just a few of the more than 100 projects, KCM has initiated.

"KCM has always strived to offer better products and services to its customers and has been working to further improve various processes, infrastructure, facilities to upgrade our product range to meet customer expectations and requirements of high end technologies. This new upgraded facility will help better all the above and more," Mr Sushil Verma, Managing Director at KCM said.

In textile wet processing machines, KCM manufactures Washing, Dyeing, Bleaching, Singeing, Mercerizing, Finishing, Desizing and Dye Padders. It also manufactures Converting machines for Coating and Lamination lines, which are used, for converting plastic films or foils to packaging material or for further processing by creating barriers for air, moisture and light by coating with various materials.

KCM has installed around 500 wet processing textile machinery in various countries worldwide, which includes Germany, Turkey, Russia, USA, Middle East, Egypt, Iran, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Africa besides selling to all major textile companies in India. This year KCM is exploring markets in other countries like Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka and Myanmar.

In coming years, several Jagenberg AG Group companies want to introduce their products in India and Kusters Calico is evaluating the manufacturing of these products in India under the 'Make in India' concept of our Hon'ble Prime Minister. This will further increase the production capacity of KCM in coming years.