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Interroll's Modular Conveyor Platform and Fortna make Mr Price's high-performance logistics center move

Sant'Antonino, Switzerland, September 20, 2018. Mr Price Group Limited contracted system integrator Fortna Group to set up a central logistics center in Durban, South Africa. Key parts of the conveyor lines installed in the new 60,000-square-meter facility are based on the Modular Conveyor Platform (MCP) from Interroll.

Werner Pelser, Group Logistics Director at Mr Price Group, explained the group's choice of partners: "We have put the infrastructure in place that can take Mr Price forward and can continue the growth curve that it had in the last 28 years. Since this consolidation project puts previously two facilities into one facility, we wanted to go into this project with a partner that has done this already in other places," he said. "Linked to that is obviously the equipment that we use in the facility. There, we chose particularly the best of breed equipment suiting the best breed of prices."

To enable further growth, Mr Price built a new central material handling center in Durban to replace two existing facilities. The goal was to find a scalable and holistic solution based on open standards which helps optimize processes and at the same time is to the greatest degree future-proof.

System integrator Fortna Group was selected to develop and build this material handling system. When searching for an optimal solution, Fortna, in close collaboration with experts from Mr Price, first reviewed a wide range of approaches and technologies, including visits to selected reference projects.

Based on the findings, the decision was made to build a completely new solution using the market's best available products. Due to the project's complexity, attention was paid to the local presence of contracted partners. As a supplier of the most important conveyor lines, Interroll was selected. Interroll has been permanently present with a South Africa subsidiary for more than 20 years.

The distribution center in Durban encompasses a total area of more than 60,000 square meters and offers storage capacity for more than 24,000 pallets. Every minute, 250 cartons are moved. The zero-pressure-accumulation conveyors use the highly flexible and efficient MCP with integrated RollerDrive and MultiControl technology from Interroll.

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About Mr Price
Mr Price is a South Africa-based supplier of high-quality apparel, homeware and activewear. The company sells its portfolio through its own stores as well as franchises and through online channels in Africa and Australia. The origins of Mr Price go back to 1885; the company has existed in its present form since 1987.

About Fortna
Fortna helps the world's biggest brands transform their distribution operations into a competitive advantage. The company, maps the flow of goods, engineers custom distribution operations, selects the right equipment, and takes their customer's operations to a higher level. Fortna is headquartered in West Reading, Pennsylvania, USA.

Caption (left): Mr. Price's distribution center in Durban, South Africa
Caption (right): Interroll's modular conveyor platform (MCP) works with zero-pressure accumulation. This enables Mr Price to feed 250 cartons per minute into the conveyor line.

About Interroll
The Interroll Group is the leading global provider of material handling solutions. The company was founded in 1959 and has been listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange since 1997. Interroll provides system integrators and OEMs with a wide range of platform-based products and services in these categories: Rollers (conveyor rollers), Drives (motors and drives for conveyor systems), Conveyors & Sorters as well as Pallet & Carton Flow (flow storage systems). Interroll solutions are in operation in express and postal services, e-commerce, airports, the food and beverage industry, fashion, and automotive sectors, and many other manufacturing industries. Among the company's end users are leading brands such as Amazon, Bosch, Coca-Cola, DHL, Nestlé, Procter & Gamble, Siemens, Walmart and Zalando. Headquartered in Switzerland, Interroll has a global network of 32 companies with turnover of around CHF 450.7 million and 2,100 employees (2017).

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