



Mr Almoammar, MEPCO Managing Director with Tony Treloare (centre) & Paul Knight (right) of Walmsleys



New PM3 machine house in Jeddah



Mr Almoammar assembling the first framework

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Middle East Paper (MEPCO) of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, is beating the odds not only by keeping its existing production machines at full capacity, but also surging ahead with No 3 machine project towards an eventual company capacity of 1 million tonnes per annum. MEPCO's PM2, formerly the Beloit Walmsley BPB Purfleet PM11 was successfully relocated, rebuilt and commissioned with the technical help of UK based Walmsleys Ltd.

Now with the new PM3 project, Walmsleys has been contracted to supply an automation package and to rebuild the existing Voith Speedsizer to match the proposed production plan.

Tony Treloare, Sales Director of Walmsleys is delighted to be part of the new PM3 project and said, "The task of relocating a full board machine operation, together with all its waste preparation systems, controls and piping from the USE to Saudi Arabia was a huge undertaking and required great vision from MEPCO's management with total dedication and commitment from the personnel involved."

On the 7th April 2009, MEPCO's Managing Director, Mr Abdullah Almoammar laid the first parts of No 3 board machine framing in a new custom designed machine house.

The multi-ply machine will have a 5.00 metre trim width and an operating speed of 900m/ min and is expected to produce 300,00 tonnes/annum of fluting and test liner grades.

The machine will be commissioned and started up with the help of Walmsleys and is due to come on stream in early 2010.