

Australia Post relies on Siemens' innovative mail sorting systems

- **Siemens delivers six Flats Sorter Machines to Australia Post**
- **Open Mail Handling Systems provides a high degree of automation and benefits**

Siemens has been contracted to equip Australia Post's mail centers with the state-of-the-art Open Mail Handling System (OMS) for flats sorting. Six of the most advanced systems will be installed in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia for efficient sorting and sequencing of large letters, open and plastic wrapped magazines, as well as small parcels.

Particularly attractive features of the OMS are the high degree of flats automation together with fast sequencing and sorting processes in an ergonomic environment.

Australia Post is investing in new mail processing equipment, such as the OMS to reduce the high maintenance costs associated with some of its older machinery and provide greater operational efficiencies across its mail network.

"We evaluated different machine types for flats processing and decided to go for Siemens' sorting system because of its advanced technology. The OMS processes a larger spectrum of mail types and formats than the other solutions we looked at," said Andrew Howlett, General Manager, Postal Services at Australia Post.

"The OMS is our answer to our customers' high requirements for innovation and individual solutions," stated Michael Reichle, CEO of Siemens Postal, Parcel & Airport Logistics (SPPAL).

All of the machines are being equipped with barcode reading and printing. The color

scanner, which is used for the first time in a flats sorting machine, ensures that the reading system gets high-quality pictures.

Australia Post, a Government Business Enterprise, delivers 60 million items to more than 11 million delivery points across the country every week.

Australia Post is exploring opportunities to improve the efficiency of their mail processing sites. The search for improvement has resulted in the business investing in new technology and choosing the OMS. SPPAL's sorting system will replace the still operational Flats Sorting machines from Siemens, which have been running for more than a decade now.

Additional facts and figures about the Siemens Open Mail Handling System

- Ergonomic work environment: Sorting is well supported by the tray unloading device at the feeders as well as by a tray commissioning and buffering area at the machine's side
- Wide range of processible mail piece formats:
 - Length: 101 mm – 383 mm
 - Height: 85 mm – 305 mm
 - Thickness: 0.5 mm – 32 mm
 - Weight: 2 g – 2000 g
- Noise level: 68 db(A)
- Nominal throughput:
 - Configuration with two induction lines: up to 25,000 mail items per hour
 - Configuration with four induction lines: up to 50,000 mail items per hour

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