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I am pleased to present you with the latest ETF News, in which we look back on 2021 and ahead to 2022. Last year was an eventful, challenging year

in many ways. COVID-19 continued to make its mark on the way we live, work and do business. How did you experience this? I noticed that we showed resilience and were inventive in how we could support and advise our customers in any possible way. Due to the restrictions, this was sometimes from a distance, but never distant. I look forward to meeting you again in person in 2022 by visiting you on site and at Techtextil in June.

In this issue of the ETF newsletter you will find a selection of interesting articles about some of our most recent projects and developments. At Dinarsu (Turkey), ETF successfully installed an end of a backing line with a fully automatic roll-up unit. The new compact cut length machine installed at Galerija Podova (Montenegro) is a great example of how compact, wheeled machines can be integrated as mobile solutions, including touch screen operation. We also look back on the past year, but we would also like to look ahead to this year with you. And last but not least a 'thank you' to Ruud Jeen who is going to enjoy his early retirement.

Let's make 2022 a great year, both in business and in life, and hope to meet you in person during the year.

Ruud Koppens, President

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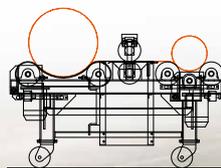
In addition to all our 'big projects', ETF also realizes flexible stand-alone machines which could be marked as 'smaller projects'. Though this is a mark based on the investment level, ETF does not handle these projects any differently than the major ones. Every customer should be satisfied with their ETF machine!

This was also the case with the recently realized ETF M 5635 Compact cut length machine we built for Galerija Podova d.o.o. in Serbia. We received greatly valued compliments after successful delivery of this machine in Serbia.

On a more general note, this machine serves many customers who need a versatile 'off-line' machine for cutting compact parent rolls into shorter lengths. Where these works are often still done by hand, for example on the floor, the ETF M 5635 offers a helping hand for the operators.

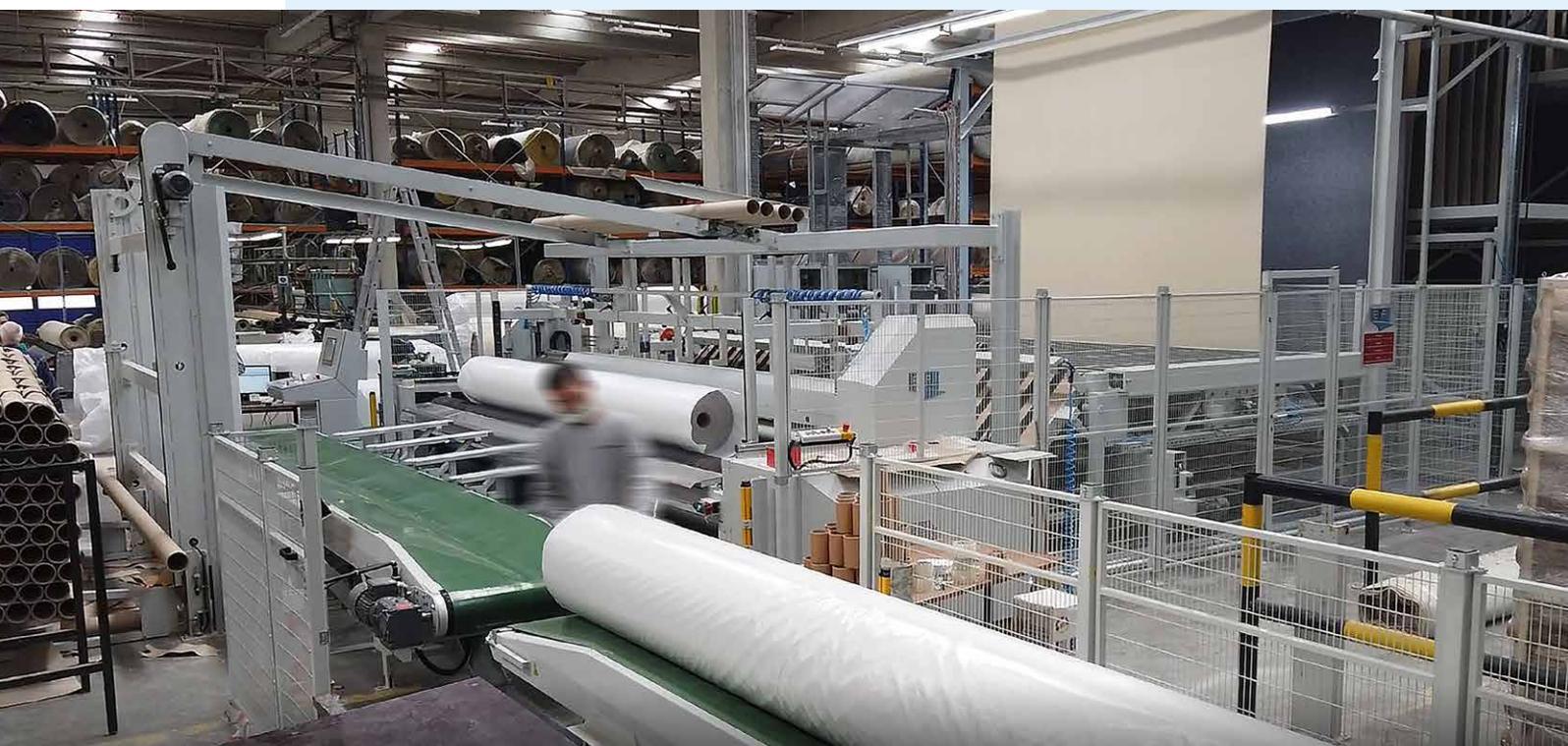
The machine is executed with up-to-date touch panel operation to control the correct product length and an automated ETF cross cutter using the same proven technology as its 'big brothers and sisters'.

In 2021, ETF manufactured the M 5635 several times in various executions, for product widths from 2 up to 5 meters. Please get in touch if you want to upgrade your way of working with this ETF machine!



End of backing line for Dinarsu

For Dinarsu, located in Turkey, ETF realized an ‘end of a backing line’. This features the machine line section between the oven and the delivery of the finished wrapped (consumer) rolls. In between, an extensive assembly of machinery is included.



The line includes, amongst others, 4 accumulators as the crucial buffers between a continuous and a non-continuous process, an in-line inspection and re-work section, a fully automatic roll-up unit and an automatic wrapping dispenser as well as an automatic paper core dispenser for various film and tube sizes. All machinery is connected via guiding sections, including intelligent material-steering technology for straightly wound finished rolls of various qualities.

A key element of this line is the minimal operator occupation, featuring centralized touch panel operation with recipe selection, for optimal settings for each product.

The complete coating line, that was installed at Dinarsu, has been once again delivered by the well-established German technology leader Brückner. They also took care of the overall project management. Both, Dinarsu and Brückner didn't need to think hard about choosing ETF as a reliable partner, after using their former ETF installation for many years to their complete satisfaction. The newly installed line takes a giant leap in technology, offering at least the same reliability as the two lines delivered in former projects.

We are confident that Dinarsu will be able to enjoy this ETF production line for many years to come.

Thank you, Ruud Jeen!

After working with us for over 31 years, Ruud Jeen has decided to enjoy an early retirement.

Of course, we are sorry to see him go but we fully respect his decision. Ruud wants to enjoy more time with his family and grandchildren and focus more on travelling and his hobbies.

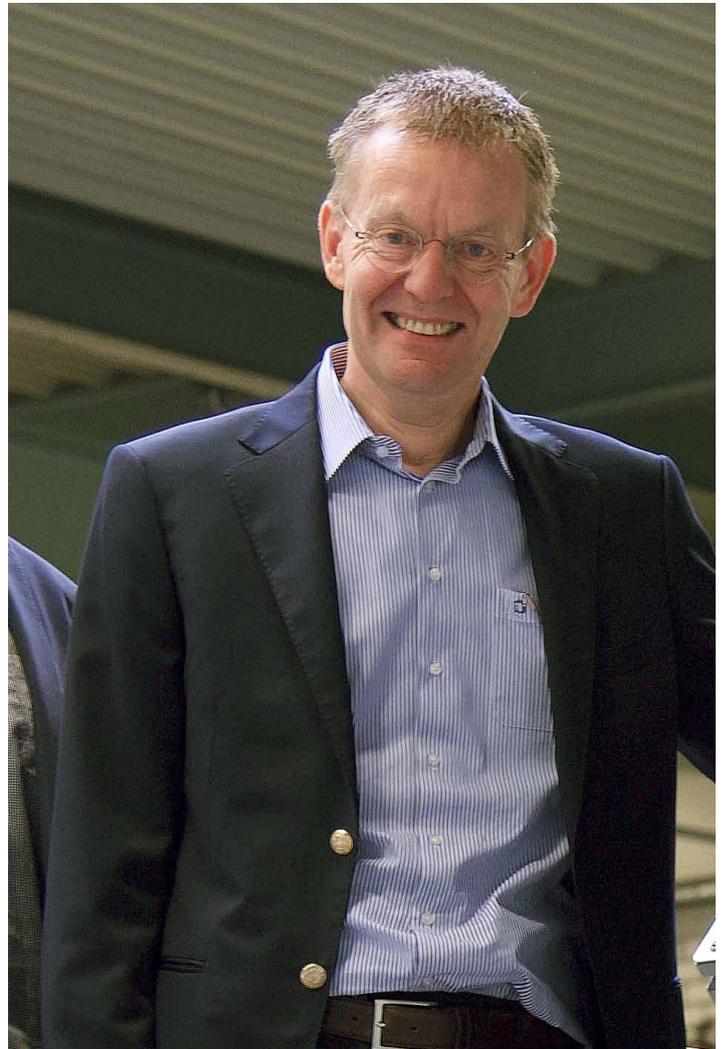
Ruud has made a significant contribution to the growth of our company in his role as Sales Director. He has been a well-respected representative for our company and maintained excellent professional relations with his customers worldwide. Needless to say, he built up extensive experience in the industry, which he used to advise our customers on their issues and requirements.

The entire ETF team, including myself, very much enjoyed working with Ruud Jeen over the years. For sure Ruud will be a great loss, and moreover we will miss sharing the many positive and negative business & personal day-to-day stories which happened in those many years.

Ruud stopped working full time as of March 1st. He will remain available for a few days a week until this summer. During this period, he will transfer as much knowledge as possible to his successor, Mr. Jos Sloesen, who started March 1st. In the coming months, Ruud will pay a visit to as many customers as possible to introduce his successor and to say farewell. We will introduce Mr. Jos Sloesen in the next edition of ETF News.

Thank you, Ruud, for all the time and commitment you have given to ETF. We wish you a very long and pleasant time after your well-deserved retirement!

Ruud Koppens, President



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ETF will participate in upcoming Techtextil in Frankfurt am Main from 21 to 24 June 2022.

To meet new people and strengthening existing contacts. Let's find out together what ETF Machinefabriek B.V. can do for you in the nonwovens and technical textiles area. We look forward to meeting you: hall 12, stand E65



Logistic system M 5900

2021 has been a turbulent year. COVID manifested itself more and more into all corners of our society. Not only health-wise, but also into our economy. Parts supplies have been and still are under a lot of pressure, due to worldwide shortages.

Despite all these factors and a slow start, 2021 has been a good year for ETF Machinefabriek. Business is booming and at the moment our order portfolio is being topped up. The flooring industry is strong worldwide by replacing older machines and upgrading equipment to a higher level. We are happy to say that many of these companies consider ETF when they think about reliable machinery.

During this year, we have taken in orders for a large variety of works. We took on 6 full size cut length machines in various executions (one has been executed with a sorting system), several compact cut length machines for carpet and vinyl products, logistical handling systems to be placed behind ETF lines, two end of backing lines, a versatile re-rolling machine, and last but not least, a small sample shearing machine.

In addition to these complete machines, we were pleased to do some add-on works to existing ETF lines, consisting of the upgrade of machine safety and communication systems for existing lines plus some modifications on existing lines for improving productivity.

To conclude with a Dutch saying, 'we shouldn't complain' about our intake after the slow start this year. And the flooring market is still showing potential in the near future. ETF is always ready for the next challenge! We hope that in 2022, the prosperous flow will continue with many more projects to come.



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