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Tornos Holding expands its business to strengthen its position as a supplier of integrated solutions for its four benchmark market segments. Although it is active in a sector that is traditional and sometimes quite conventional, Tornos has had innovation deeply embedded in its genes since its creation; so much so that now, for the first time in its history, the manufacturer is launching itself into a new area, outside its usual field of expertise, with a brand new and innovative solution. Tornos has been well-known and renowned as a manufacturer of very high precision automatic turning machines for over 100 years, and it was even one of the pioneers in automatic turning machines at the time; today, with the launch of the company Cyklos SA, composed of 7 people and based in Yverdon, the group is hoping that this diversification will enable it to become a pioneering supplier of a new genre of surface treatment solutions. Cyklos solutions will enable production workshops to verticalise surface treatment operations; a process which, up to now, required special premises and extensive technical chemical knowledge.

Nowadays, surface treatments are everywhere and affect all industries: from decorating bottles of cosmetics to coating automotive, medical, electronic and micromechanical parts; over the years, Tornos has specialised in creating machining solutions dedicated to these four key markets. With Cyklos and surface treatment, Tornos Holding is taking another fundamental step in its strategy as a supplier of complete solutions.

Up until now, surface treatments have been processed in specialised units, in specially-equipped premises fitted with installations for treating gases and waste water. Surface treatment therefore required a heavy infrastructure; for that reason, many companies prefer to outsource this operation, but this generates significant logistical costs and means they are dependent on a service provider. Cyklos aims to revolutionise the market by offering an autonomous, in-house solution which not only relieves companies of the inherent logistical costs but also significantly improves the quality of treatments, with no need for a special infrastructure. Cyklos equipment will enable production workshops to verticalise an essential step in their value chain, improving quality and reducing costs.

Cyklos solutions can be integrated in any workshop and do not require waste treatment installations. Waste is contained, controlled and filtered; the treatment control process is completed automated. In contrast with conventional processes, Cyklos technology treats parts by rotation; the treatment quality is greatly superior. This technology is based on a patent obtained 2 years ago by Tornos Holding, since when the manufacturer has been concentrating on finalising and industrialising the first Cyklos solution, the A300.

The first A300 machines have already been delivered and the equipment will be presented as a world premiere at the SIMODEC show, from the 6th to the 9th of March 2012 in La Roche-Sur-Foron, France. The A300 solution enables aluminium parts to be anodised in large quantities; an ideal solution for parts for the automotive market; this sector is always looking for light parts, to reduce vehicle weight and thereby consumption.

For more information about Cyklos please consult www.cyklos.com

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