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PCMC receives prestigious 2020 FTA Technical Innovation Award for Meridian Elite Efficient laser anilox cleaner eliminates hot spots and incorporates smart features

GREEN BAY, Wis. — April 22, 2020 — Paper Converting Machine Company (PCMC), part of Barry-Wehmiller, was selected as a recipient of the prestigious 2020 FTA Technical Innovation Award for the second year in a row. Recognizing PCMC's recently introduced Meridian Elite laser anilox cleaner, the award was presented during Virtual FORUM 2020.

The Meridian Elite holds a patent for its brand-new laser technology, which eliminates hot spots and offers the fastest cleaning cycles in the industry, making the device more efficient for printers and converters. Additionally, the Meridian Elite is the first and only cleaner that utilizes a cloud-based database. After a roll is cleaned, the information is logged into the roll inventory database and can be accessed locally or in the cloud via an interactive roll reporting dashboard.

For more than 20 years, the FTA Technical Innovation Award has recognized the most innovative and impactful technologies for the ever-evolving package printing and converting industry. Recipients of this award are deemed by a panel of industry experts to have the potential power to change flexography's future for the better. They include innovative technologies that utilize the flexographic process or have been designed specifically to enhance flexographic printing.

"We are beyond excited to receive an FTA Technical Innovation Award once again," said Rodney Pennings, PCMC's Printing, Coating and Laminating Sales Director. "Our laser team has worked extremely hard to develop the Meridian Elite over the past year. It is an innovation that we are very proud of, and we appreciate the accolades within the package printing industry."

ABOUT PAPER CONVERTING MACHINE COMPANY (PCMC)

Paper Converting Machine Company (PCMC) specializes in the design and manufacture of high-performance converting machinery for the tissue, nonwovens, package-printing and bag-converting industries worldwide. Our comprehensive product offerings include rewinding, laminating, printing, embossing, perforating and packaging equipment for tissue and towels; folding and converting machines; and a complete range of flexographic printing presses and laser anilox cleaners, serving the flexible-packaging, prime-label and carton-converting industries. For more about PCMC, which is part of Barry-Wehmiller, go to pcmc.com.

ABOUT BARRY-WEHMILLER

Barry-Wehmiller is a diversified global supplier of engineering consulting and manufacturing technology for the packaging, corrugating, sheeting and paper-converting industries. By blending people-centric leadership with disciplined operational strategies and purpose-driven growth, Barry-Wehmiller has become a \$3 billion organization with nearly 12,000 team members united by a common belief: to use the power of business to build a better world. CEO Bob Chapman shares the story of the company's transformation in his book, *Everybody Matters: The Extraordinary Power of Caring for Your People Like Family*. To learn more, go to <u>barrywehmiller.com</u>.



