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AUTOMATION, OPTIMIZATION, MOBILE WORK: EXCITING SOLUTIONS FROM A+W AT GLASSTEC 2016

Since *glasstec 2014*, the environment in which the flat glass industry works has rapidly changed. Catchphrases such as *Industry 4.0* and *Smart Factory* indicate where increasing global competition is heading; they raise a lot of questions too: how do I deal with the new opportunities and challenges?

The software company A+W has concrete answers to many of these questions – *Glass Industry 4.0/Production Automation* will therefore be one of A+W's most important trade fair themes.

"We have," says CEO Peter Dixen, "developed new and exciting solutions that optimize the processes of our customers and provide them with clear competitive advantages in day-to-day business. Our most important machine partners, with whom we are cooperating closely on the subject of *Industry 4.0*, are also included in the presentation of these solutions at *glasstec*."

A+W production worlds with real-time data exchange optimize the entire value-added chain – even beyond company boundaries. Machines and workpieces communicate via intelligent A+W interfaces – even if one machine is at the glass processor and the other is in the production area of its customer or supplier.

A+W has increased the efficiency of its customers within integrated production environments, and has a great number of successfully completed projects behind it. "We have been doing much of what is demanded by *Glass Industry 4.0* for years," says Dixen.

New and further developments in the field of Optimization have made an important contribution as well – from cutting with the money and material-saving *A+W Defect Optimizer* to optimized supply logistics with the *A+W Logistics Optimizer*.

Visitors to the fair can also learn more about mobile solutions such as the web-based order entry software *A+W iQuote* for tablets and smartphones, which has successfully passed its pilot phase and in the meantime is being successfully used by A+W customers in day-to-day business.



Exciting for production managers, at the office or on the move with an iPad and other terminal devices, *A+W Dashboard*, the mobile control center software: *A+W Dashboard* works with the philosophy of *Industry 4.0*, with real-time machine data and results from barcoding, and as a result, integrates seamlessly into the new generation of intelligent A+W control software.



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