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BRECON BEACON

Nerak Wiese, the vertical elevation specialist, is a beacon of British manufacturing. Having gradually expanded both its operations and its product portfolio, the Brecon-based company is now launching a range of spiral conveyors.

The rolling hills of Brecon might seem an unlikely base for a manufacturer of logistics solutions but Nerak Wiese made its home there in 1992. In that year, the company – previously known as McInnes Wiese and located in Verwood, Dorset, since 1969 – was reformed under the name Nerak Wiese Ltd, reflecting the fact that the company is 30% owned by the German manufacturing concern, Nerak Fördertechnik GmbH.

The firm's product range had originally consisted of grid-belts, used for the cooling of extruded rubber, and bucket elevators for the spill-free transport of bulk solids. Both products used rubber chains as the principal load-carrying component and this clever technology remains at the heart of Nerak's solutions today.

GROWING EXPERTISE

Over the years, investment and innovation grew the product range, which now includes: a variety of pallet lifts; continuous platform elevators; multi-floor mezzanine solutions; paternosters; and single- and multi-carriage reciprocating hoists.

Today the company has become a major employer in the area and is focused on developing its established UK customer base. As well as delivering solutions to blue-chip brands such as Unilever, The Royal Mint, John Lewis, GlaxoSmithKline, Amazon and XPO Logistics, the company also works as a sub-contractor to a number of system integrators including Dematic, Vanderlande and Swisslog.

"We've experienced some of our most rapid growth in recent years," says Simon Musgrave, sales director. "In fact, we were selected as a great example of a fast-growing British manufacturing company in order to host a visit by Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable – then Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills – for a tour of our facilities here in Brecon in 2014."

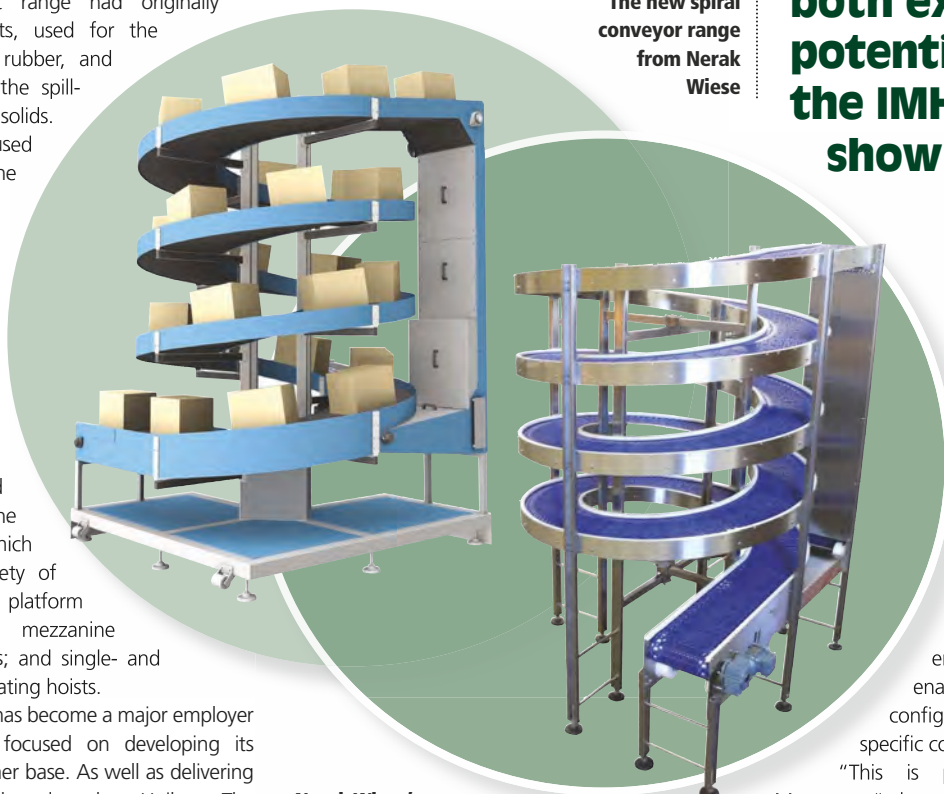
SPIRALLING INTEREST

Now Nerak is launching a range of spiral conveyors

suitable for a variety of applications including end-of-line operations, general warehousing and internet fulfilment.

"We're very excited about our new spiral elevators," explains Musgrave. "We had some promising discussions about these new solutions with both existing and potential clients at the IMHX 2016 show at the NEC recently. There is obviously

The new spiral conveyor range from Nerak Wiese



Nerak Wiese's conveyors are of a modular design

genuine demand for these products in combination with our established expertise.

"The key point is that, by adding the spiral conveyors to our range," he continues, "we become a 'one-stop shop' for vertical elevation needs. That's very attractive for some customers. Of course, we're able to give clients detailed advice regarding the right solution for their precise application."

MODULAR DESIGN

Capable of handling a variety of unit loads, spiral conveyors are the ideal solution where a continuous

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vertical elevation process is required and food-grade versions will be available for food manufacturing environments. Modular design enables the spiral solutions to be configured to suit the customer's specific conveying needs.

"This is particularly useful," explains Musgrave, "where the product needs to be turned through 90° during elevation, avoiding the need for expensive cross transfer conveyors."

QUIET OPERATION

Nerak claims that the new spiral products offer quiet operation, low maintenance requirements and a long life. They are available in 400mm and 600mm belt widths and offer a capacity of up to 3,000 units per hour.

"We have considerable design expertise in-house," concludes Musgrave, "so we can tailor our standard solutions in order to solve diverse material handling problems." ■

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