

Corrugator set up online

Unicor, the German manufacturer of corrugated pipe extrusion lines, recently supplied two new lines to Iraq – and started them by remote control via the internet.

The two UC 130 series machines were bought by the Iraqi Ministry of Water Resources, which is responsible for pipe production. The lines will be used to make PVC drainage pipes.

The corrugators produce drainage pipes up to 130mm in diameter that are subsequently lined with a filter fleece. The fleece helps water absorption and prevents the ingress of dirt particles, which often collect in the drainage holes and block them.

Because of the risks of visiting Iraq, Unicor could not send any technicians to the facility for start-up. Instead, three Iraqi staff members were intensely trained for two weeks in Germany.

Start-up was accomplished on site by these staff, sup-

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"With this profile production system, we are confident that technical difficulties can be avoided because we are dealing with a partner who supplies us with all relevant components from a single source," said Arthur Huberts, CEO of Interplast.

Interplast, which was founded in 1996, exports to more than 20 countries in Africa.

"We are proud that our products are finding increasing acceptance in Africa," said Andreas Krosch, general sales manager at KraussMaffei-Berntorf. "We will configure the system specially for Interplast to meet the market requirements."

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