

# A People-Led Approach to Automation for a Sustainable Future

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# Closed Loop Design the 2030 Goal





# People and Sustainability

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We will invest to ensure we are oriented towards sustainable growth and contributing to a responsible society





# About Domino





- We provide very high-reliability industrial printing systems: printers, inks, consumables, aftermarket services
- Our solutions provide supply chains with robust and reliable information, decoration, and personalisation

# Product to Pallet Approach







# Key Sectors and Customers







- Approximately 80 scientists and engineers
- Responsible for the development and testing of new ink designs
- A diverse and experienced team
- Located in Cambridge, UK

- Reducing the environmental impact of products
- Making existing inks safer for people
- Novel substrates or environments
- New customer applications



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# Key Challenges Ahead

- Changing environment:
  - Business model shift to outcome-based services
  - CSR at the forefront
  - IoT, automation and AI a global trend
  - Increasing STEM skills gap









# Key Challenges Ahead

- Increasing demand on Development
  - Increasing sustainability
  - Wider range of applications
  - Wider range of technologies
  - Greater pressure to maintain existing product lines
    - Supply chain
    - Regulation









# **Our Automation Goals**



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- Increase motivation, increase staff retention, and attract talent
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# Journey to a sustainable, automated R&D





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# Adoption and Change Management

## Getting people onboard

- Early adopters- enthusiastic drivers
- Laggards- equally important to consult

#### Keeping people on board

- Change management is vital to avoid the trough of disillusionment
- Streamlined process to success







# Implementation successes

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## Automated formulation (Big Kahuna)

- Tripled annual formulation throughput
- Fully integrated with data systems
- Integral part of ink development
- Strong uptake

### Machine Learning (Intellegens)

- Requires fewer samples
- Reduces amount of testing
- Faster way to optima
- Being used in increasing number of projects







# Implementation Successes

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### **Automated Viscosity Measurements**

- Used as predominant viscosity method
- 27.5 x increase in samples measured

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• 165 x increase in number of measurements made





# **Compounding Outcomes**



- Built a centre of excellence for development work
  - Knowledgeable team of cross-functional experts
- Enables rapid and common learning cycles
  - Advances in formulation expertise
  - Cementing the use of DoE and ML
  - Nexus for introducing new ways of working

- Excess capacity allows chemists time to innovate
  - More resource to tackle sustainability goals





# Sustainability in Formulating



Samples



Increased number of formulations

- Formulation output tripled
- Wider formulation space explored
- Enables exploration of novel areas

#### Reduced Sample size

- 30 x reduction in size of formulation
- Raw material usage decreased
- Larger % sample used- less waste

## Average Sample Size

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# Sustainable Inks and Printing



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- CSR- large focus on improving sustainability of products
- Domino UK associate members of RSPO
- Low-impact, vegetable oil-based inks for porous substrates
- Used with Cx350i-maximum quality, minimal ink
- Still lots more to achieve!





# What next?



- Enhancing CSR and delivering services to customers
- Shifting focus from profit to sustainability
- Automation of time-consuming processes is key in providing chemist resource to complex new areas of design
- Collaboration- Accelerating adoption of Al to deliver net zero goals faster (Intellegens)

#### **Triple Bottom Line**

#### The triple bottom line focuses not just on profit but also on planet and people





# What next?





- Continue to target bottle necks and pain points
- Continue to upskill-taking people along with the automated journey
- Continue to engage- continuous feedback and consultation of stakeholders
- Free up chemist time to enable more creative, sustainable chemistry



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Summary

## Automation of Ink development process has increased speed of development work and removed a large amount of manual, time-consuming tasks

- Hardware, software, data and ML advances are complimentary to one another and driven by stakeholders
- Uptake by the department has been very strong
  - People are engaged, empowered and included
- R&D function equipped with the right skills and tools to enable sustainable formulation and products











# Questions?

