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## **Future Printing Center and CTC agree on a merger deal**

The shareholders of two Raisio-based pilot plants, the Future Printing Center Oy (FPC) and Coating Technology Center (CTC), have signed a deal on the merger of their operations as of 15 October 2008. According to the agreement FPC will acquire ownership of the CTC business operations. The merger will establish a joint-stock company, owned by the plants' current shareholders Ciba Finland Oy, Hansaprint Oy, Omya Oy, Metso Paper Oy and Nordkalk Oyj Abp. The CTC's employees will automatically transfer to the FPC Oy.

The merging of the two pilot plants into a single company, FPC Oy, will allow for more long-term efforts in the development of services. The new service entity will form an efficient and unique hub for product development for customers in the paper and graphic arts industries, including papermakers, ink manufacturers, and pigment and chemicals suppliers around the world.

"Our guiding principle will be to continuously develop our offering in order to meet the needs of our customers. This is where our highly skilled staff and state-of-the-art technology come in. We aim to further extend the ownership base so as to bring the different players within the forest cluster closer together. Furthermore, we hope to build a stronger service offering and improve the level of service to customers through one-stop shopping", explains Päivi Miettinen, Managing Director of FPC Oy.

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