

Poland's first HewSaw R200 SE

Poland joined the European Union in 2004, bringing along 40 million strong-willed Poles. 2003 was also significant, as in that year the first Polish sawmill took delivery of its first HewSaw sawing machine.

Mr. Olczyk, owner of the Olczyk Sawmill, could not wait for the changes involved in EU accession to come about but forged ahead and introduced the HewSaw product family at his sawmill by buying the entire Kokkosenahti sawmill, together with its equipment, from Kokkosenahti in Anttola. The Kokkosenahti sawmill had previously belonged to Veisto Oy. Now the HewSaw R200 SE from 1998 went to a new home in the village of Krasocin in southern Poland.

The Olczyk Sawmill has been in business since 1980, the previously operating lines being geared up to various forms of construction activities. During this entire time the company has been a family-run and family-owned business. The manager's son is already heavily involved with managing the sawmill's operations. The production lines are mainly composed of second-hand equipment purchased from around Europe and transferred to Krasocin by the company's own technical department. At the moment the site features two log



sorting lines, four sawing lines, and approx. 1,700 m³ of drying capacity. In addition, there are a planing line, finger jointing line, a production line for adhesive-bound boards, and an impregnation plant.

The first time Mr. Olczyk had seen a HewSaw sawing machine was on a visit to Finnish sawmills in 2002, organised by timber professionals in Jyväskylä. Veisto participated in the organisation of the visit. By the end of December 2003 Mr. Olczyk was running a R200 SE on his site. Among Polish sawyers Olczyk is renowned for his fast, effective action.

Since general interest in the first HewSaw sawing machine in Poland has been nothing short of amazing, the sawmill held an open day in June 2004. During the 2004 summer another HewSaw R200 was installed at the Pal-Pol sawmill in Prabuty in northern Poland.



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