

Longterm Anti Viral protection which lasts for at least 10 days

CCM GmbH presents the family of Bacoban products, which it says are the only surface disinfection products which offer 10 days protection against viral, fungal and bacterial infection.

The issue of disinfection within an office environment is a highly significant problem. As we know there are many disinfectants which kill bacteria and viruses on contact, but unfortunately viruses and bacteria rapidly re-infect cleaned surfaces.

Over recent years CCM GmbH has been searching for a solution to this "problem" ;a problem which is central to the loss of billions of euros in lost productivity per year . Together with leading health care agencies, CCM set about the task of finding a DIY coating for key boards, phones, tablets, desks etc. which would provide several days of anti-pathogen protection. CCM looked all over the world for such a coating but were amazed to find that a local German company was able to support them in what at one time appeared to be Mission Impossible; and in addition to offering a few days of protection CCM found that the coating offered a stunning 10 days of protection..



Bernd Zimmermann, MD of CCM notes: "We are all now aware that keyboards and similar surfaces can harbour 400X more micro organisms than a WC and so we didn't want to go with standard disinfection products which are readily available, but we wanted to invest our time into looking at a more effective solution to the problem. The result is that we are now able to offer a series of Longterm-Disinfection products which have been approved to work for up to 10 days. Standard disinfection products only last for around 5minutes."

The products are CE certified as a Class 2 medical device and registered in Germany under VAH (medical listing) which also allows the products to be sold into the medical sector. The products are available in spray bottles and as wet wipes and are effective against bacteria, fungi, viruses i.e. Hepatitis B + C, Influenza (i.e. H5N1 and H1N1) and rotaviruses.

Kaweco completes Special series

Kaweco has completed the successful mechanical pencil series KAWECO Special.

In addition to the pencils in 0.5/0.7/0.9 and 2.0 mm, there are matching ballpens and fountain pens. The octagonal shape is ideal for office use.

Moreover, there is also a 'short' version realized with a mechanical pencil in 0.5/0.7/0.9/2.0 mm and a ballpen.

Due to their length of not more than 105 mm they are the ideal companion to notebooks and diaries.



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Spicers sale now completed

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DS Smith has confirmed that the sale of office products wholesaler Spicers to Unipapel has now been completed.

The 200 million pounds (€225 million) deal included the UK and Irish operations being sold to UK investment group Better Capital with Unipapel taking control of the continental operations of Spicers.

The addition of Spicers' continental European business will bring Unipapel's annual sales to around €1.3 billion, making it the largest office and IT supplies wholesaler in Europe.

SPICERS

Pelikan to sell Australian subsidiary

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Pelikan International has announced that its 94.5% owned subsidiary, Pelikan Holding AG (PHAG) has entered into heads of agreement with Columbia Products Pty Ltd to sell Columbia Pelikan (Pelikan Australia) for A\$15mil (€11.8m) cash.

Pelikan says that the proposed disposal is in line with its plans to divest non-core assets. "Columbia Pelikan is an associate company of PHAG and the management does not participate in the day-to-day operations and direction of Columbia Pelikan," the company said in a statement.

Pelikan president and chief executive officer Loo Hooi Keat said in that the focus of Pelikan was capitalising on distribution, branding and research development.

PC market down 11.4%

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Gartner

PC shipments in Western Europe totalled 14.8 million units in the third quarter of 2011, a 11.4 percent decline from the same period last year, according to Gartner. "The inventory build-up that slowed growth in the