

Headlines of 2016

That Was the Year That Was...

January

Brinks' shareholder Starboard Value increases number of seats on the Board; Kurz named Banknote and Currency Services Provider of the Year; Ghana opens new cash centre; Royal Canadian Mint sells *MintChip* platform to nanoPay; Honeywell and NCR sign MOU to develop new service solutions; local ATM production begins in India; SECTAGO unveils new optical security technologies; Argentina announces the introduction of new banknote family.

February

EU ministers request investigation into links between the €500 banknotes and criminal activity; Banque de France begins to build new national cash centre; Qatar opens new cash centre; KOMSCO signs contract to supply banknote paper to Vietnam; hyperinflation in Venezuela results in unprecedented demand for banknotes; Mexico reports 12.5% rise in counterfeit banknotes; PNO Global launches *Raycron® Eco Secure Varnish®*; National Bank of Georgia issues the first two notes of its new banknote series; Thailand's new 1,000 baht banknote wins Best Regional Banknote award.

March

Prosegur buys 33.33% stake in Africa's leading cash services company, SBV Services; Jarden Zinc Products extends *ZincSecure™* product to bi-metal coins; PNO Global introduces circulating banknote analytic tool, *Snowfish®*; New Zealand names Brighter Money banknote series; Australia reports major increase in counterfeit A\$50 banknotes.

April

New Swiss banknote series arrives; International Currency Association (ICA) provides a new voice for cash; Sweden calls for restraint on cashless ambitions; G&D back on track as it surpasses the €2 billion sales mark; Zimbabwe adopts Chinese yuan; Walmart signs up to G4S' *Cash360*; Polish Security Printing Works (PWPW) issues first *LEAP®* substrate banknote; Kazakhstan and Georgia joint winners of Regional Banknote of the Year Award; new Kenyan currency expected September 2017.

May

Debate continues regarding high denomination notes; US and UK announce portraits for new \$20 and £20 notes; Wincor Nixdorf and HESS Cash Systems agree strategic cooperation; Royal Canadian Mint announces 22% increase

in sales during 2015; Royal Dutch Mint for sale; calls to drop the Canadian nickel; Asian banknote contract for Nanotech Security Corporation; Indian mill resumes paper production after four month shutdown; Bank of Mexico's Big Data project explained; new banknote security feature *Sealign@ture®* developed by Banque de France and Advanced Track & Trace; IEA World Engraver project achieves success; Iraq's new series is a formidable challenge to counterfeiters; New Zealand wins IBNS award; UK's Royal Mint visitor experience centre opens to the public.

June

Changes in the air for US currency; a new future for CPS, as De La Rue sells to Privet Capital; Innovia offers high security film as industry standard; profits prove elusive for Mint of Finland; De La Rue surprises with better than predicted profits; India rings the changes as banknote volumes set to reach 40 billion; launch of second generation Common Detector Interface (CDI) produced by European Central Bank and US Federal Reserve; Oberthur Fiduciaire introduces new UV fluorescent feature, *AVALON*; Louisenthal introduces *RollingStar® LEAD* foil; Bank of England unveils new £5 design, includes first use of *KINEGRAM COLORS®* registered foil stripe by Kurz; Banknote Conference breaks attendance records; new note series for Bolivia.

July

Nicaragua wins the Regional Banknote of the Year 2016 award; European Payments Council releases update to the Single Euro Cash Area (SECA) Framework; Zimbabwe to print own version of US dollar; G4S sells ATM business; Glory expands in Russia; European CIT attacks and losses fall again; 'Appy Days' for banknotes, with the latest trend for banknote smartphone apps; ECB identifies reasons for cash use; ECB unveils design of new €50.

August

Brazil ready and waiting with cash for Olympics; yet more paper capacity planned for India; Nanotech and ZSST partner for *ColorDance™* technology; a golden year for The Royal Mint with the highest recorded annual revenue in its 1,100 year history; US settles suspected mutilated fake coin scheme; Nicaragua learns lessons for new series; euro counterfeits drop in first half of 2016.

September

Two new series roll out in a fortnight with the release of the new Australian \$5 and the Bank of England's new £5 note; joint venture between Kenya and De La Rue for banknote production agreed; cash automation and payment technology supplier ARCA expands in Italy; new polymer Bubble 8 *ClarityC* line is opened at Innovia's Wigton site; Brexit – two unexpected results; Reserve Bank of India report looks to the future; Das-Nano's high tech products for the industry; fingerprint scientists ready new UK £5 note; Liberia to introduce new notes and coins.

October

Crane to open new printworks in Malta; early win for *Hybrid* in Lebanon durability trial; G&D completes currency cluster in heart of Europe; Loomis expands in Denmark; ECB amends procurement rules; Hueck Folien signs supply agreement with Nanotech; cash on the rise in Israel; GardaWorld set for sales of C\$3 billion; new security threads from Krypten; Colombia's new banknotes; Bahamas pioneers new series with De La Rue's *Active™* thread.

November

India scraps banknotes overnight in clampdown on corruption; new high denomination banknotes expected in Venezuela due to hyperinflation; ECB describes partnership programme for the new €50; Pakistan improves quality of currency; Mint of Finland secures contract in Bolivia; 4 million ATMs by 2021, says RBR; card fraud on the increase in 2015; CPS – six months in and surpassing expectations; Seychelles to introduce new family of notes and coins.

December

De La Rue reverses decision to close Malta printworks; Crane breaks ground at its new production facility; Royal Joh Enschedé exits banknote production; new owner for Royal Dutch Mint; shortages of cash in India following removal of two high denominations; new startup – Coverno – to work on banknote authentication; Wincor Nixdorf bows out with successful final year; African Currency Forum surpasses expectations; new banknotes from Australia, Vietnam and China win regional awards for excellence.