

Headlines of 2017 That Was the Year That Was...

January

Innovia Group acquired by CCL Industries Inc; South Korea plans to go 'coinless'; Trinidad & Tobago drops one cent coins; Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (SAMA) begins circulating its sixth issue banknotes and coins; Indonesia introduces latest series of banknotes and coins; FNMT gets ready for new paper mill.

February

European Commission (EC) proposes initiative to restrict cash payments; Sequana Capital announces IPO of Arjowiggins Security; ECB reports drop in counterfeits; Groep Heylen buys the Royal Dutch Mint; Loomis expands into Belgium with acquisition of Cobelguard CIT; ATMIA celebrates 20th anniversary; AGIS explains the hidden cost of cards.

March

Abu Dhabi opens new printworks; Prosegur floats cash business; Diebold-Nixdorf announces plans to close manufacturing facility near Budapest; African banks' pledge against counterfeiting; Reserve Bank of India permits field trials of polymer Rs 10 notes; Singapore proposes S\$18.50 limit for use of coins for payments; IBDA launches the World Banknote Project; Swiss National Bank makes the case for cash.

April

China set to become first country with central bank-issued digital currency; SMPCIL reports increased sales; Bank of England considers palm oil in future polymer notes; De La Rue beats profit forecast; record sales and a new structure for Giesecke & Devrient; De La Rue's Centre of Excellence opens in Malta; new 12-sided £1 coin for UK – the most secure in world; the new €50 begins circulating.

May

6 months on – the effects of India's demonetisation; ATMIA report predicts two billion adults worldwide live without a bank account; Australia opens new National Banknote site; Royal Canadian Mint (RCM) reports 15% increase in sales; Austria's Dr Friedrich Schneider reports on whether cash restrictions really fight crime; Banknote Ethics Initiative – ten years on.

June

Italy to drop 1 and 2 cent euro coins; Toshiba restructures to overcome losses; large increase in European CIT losses; IBDA completes major study on human perception of intaglio printing; Kurz showcases four of its latest innovations in optical security technology; *SUSI Optics*® makes its debut; IACA presents Excellence in Currency Awards; Bahamas confirms *Durasafe*® and *Hybrid*®, as well as paper, for its CRISP Evolution banknote series; ICA launches Cash Matters campaign; Innovia Security rebrands as CCL Secure.

July

Visa's latest assault on cash branded 'desperate'; G+D acquires German coin machine company Procoin; Belgium to close its mint; Brinks extends CIT operations in Argentina; ECB's Mersch speaks out for cash; centralised ATM service for Switzerland; Goznak launches new polymer substrate; Fiji in seventh heaven with commemorative banknote and coin; new 200 rupee for India; Pakistan's central bank buys its printworks.

August

Public against cash restrictions in the EU; Oberthur Fiduciaire is new owner of VHP; China clamps down on cashless providers; counterfeit euro banknotes fall again in first half of 2016; Korea reclaims over 290 million coins thanks to a nationwide coin collection campaign; cash still predominates in South Africa; Australia's Payments Study – cards overtake cash; cash logistics market continues to grow; Louisenthal introduces *Galaxy*® thread; Oberthur Fiduciaire launches *STARsheen*™ *MULTI* thread; design of new £10 unveiled.

September

Cash visibility on its way in the US as Fed adopts global standards for the cash supply chain; ICA debunks link between cash and crime; demonetisation in India – was it worth it?; Brazil's printworks and mint a target for privatisation; Malawi's new anti-counterfeiting policy; the need for transparency on banknote developments; Reserve Bank of India issues new ₹50 denomination; KBA NotaSys and SICPA restructure; Pakistan studies mint upgrade.

October

Australia's banknote upgrade on track with release of A\$10 banknote; Bank of England splits contract for new £20 between De La Rue and CCL Secure; Royal Dutch Kusters Engineering adds sustainable twist to Indian banknotes; another record year for the Royal Mint; Banknote Checking Scheme launched; new app for Barbados; Holograms – 30 Years on Banknotes and Still Going Strong; perspectives on better cash management; Russia launches new denomination 200 and 2,000 rubles.

November

India cancels contracts for paper; Indonesia to set up production of own blanks; Chile drops low value coins; number of ATMs reach record levels; Banque de France's Counterfeit Research Centre celebrates 30 years; *MOTION SURFACE* – a step forward for micro-optics; Madagascar's new banknotes reflect biodiversity hotspot; Argentina rolls out new series; Timor-Leste issues new high value 200 centavo coin.

December

Crane Co acquires Crane Currency, creating a new powerhouse in the cash industry; De La Rue on track at the half year; Jamaica latest country to drop low value coins; ECB publishes first study in payment habits; more members for Banknote Ethics Initiative; Kenya banknote tender finally goes ahead; KURZ leads the way in foil features.

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