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VMI launches the COMBEXX RF: A compact, energy-efficient solution for integrated straining in mixing lines.

VMI, a global leader in extrusion technology, announced the launch of the COMBEXX RF (Roller Feeder) machine. This new modular system redefines integrated straining by replacing traditional extruder screws with a precision roller unit, offering manufacturers a compact, energy-efficient, and high-quality alternative for traditional plasticizing screw mechanisms.

The COMBEXX RF is designed to address challenges in modern mixing lines: adding a compound straining process within a limited floor space while keeping thermal exposure as low as possible. By leveraging VMI's decades of expertise in extruder gear pumps systems, the new roller feed system delivers direct, low-shear feeding that preserves material integrity.

Advantages for manufacturers:

- Space optimization: compact design and smaller footprint compared to the screw driven extruder gear pump.
- Cost efficiency and quality preservation: the system eliminates the need for secondary heating. This not only cuts energy consumption but also prevents altering the characteristics of the compound.
- Seamless integration: engineered to fit into existing mixing lines and can be rapidly moved in place when continuous straining is needed. Available in different sizes and capacities.

Coen Heukshorst, Sales Manager at VMI, comments: *"The COMBEXX RF represents a significant step forward in how we approach integrated straining. By removing the extruder screw and relying on our proven roller technology, we are answering to current market demands. It's a solution that fits the modern plant's need for flexibility and efficiency".*

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