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Dear readers,

here you will find something about interesting innovations and news about Large Format Printing.

1) ITMA 2007: From 13 to 20 September in Munich

New and further developments in textile and clothing machinery will be the focus, among other things, at ITMA 2007. In addition, there will also be information about novelties in the comprehensive service offers of machinery manufacturers for visitors from fibre producers, textile and clothing companies. In addition to the availability of textile machinery, the areas of drive, compressed air and air conditioning technologies as well as transport, handling and packing are playing an important role in textile operations for optimal structuring of production conditions. More than 100 companies from these segments will exhibit their latest developments to international trade professionals at ITMA 2007. ITMA 2007 will cover all aspects of the global textile and clothing industry with a record number of more than 1,450 exhibiting companies.



More information: www.itma.com

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2) viscom Europe 2007: From 20 to 22 September in Düsseldorf

This year's viscom presents itself in a new form and with new formats. The speed of change experienced in the visual communication sector has reached unprecedented levels. New technologies such as digital signage, new fields of application for instance in inkjet printing, as well as undiminished innovative power in the classical fields of advertising technology, signmaking and light advertising, are indicators for this development. Never before has visual communication shown a greater variety. viscom opens its gates with more than 330 exhibitors. With some 9,000 trade visitors, most of them billboard and light advertising manufacturers, outdoor advertisers as well as advertising and marketing agencies from more than 80 countries, viscom is a leading fair for visual communication in Europe. The range covers everything from classical signmaking and light advertising to large format printing and ambient media to integrated routing systems.

More information: www.viscom-europe.com

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3) viscom france 2007: From 26 to 28 September in Paris

The viscom Exhibition is the place to go to meet the visual communication professionals in Paris Expo – Porte de Versailles. This event unites 11 sectors, including sign, signage, digital printing, digital media, screen-printing, engraving, cutting, etc. Visual communication is more and more part of public life, transforming itself, evolving every day. It has been given a fresh boost thanks to new technology, which broadens the usage and applications fields. 180 exhibitors in 2007 are expected to sign up for a total gross exhibition area of 12,000 sqm.

More information: www.viscom-paris.com



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4) Neolt SuperJet-M at viscom france

Neolt S.p.A., Italy-headquartered manufacturer of renowned print finishing equipment and large-format printers announces that the new SuperJet-M 2050 UV printer will be on show at the viscom france later this month. Neolt's French distribution partner Delmar Arts Graphiques, who has been very successful in marketing the previous generation of Neolt UV printers, will dedicate a large section of their booth to the SuperJet-M, expecting to attract a large number of interested customers as happened before at the FESPA in Berlin earlier this year. The SuperJet-M will also be exhibited at the Sign Madrid trade show (18-20 Oct 2007). Designed for easy handling of roll-fed and rigid media and achieving a high quality at excellent speed, the SuperJet-M 2050 and its big brother SuperJet-M 2500 offers a professional UV printing solution.

viscom france: hall 7.3, booth C 03

More information: www.neolt.it

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5) Mutoh Europe: Spitfire 100 Extreme and Blizzard at viscom

At viscom 2007 Mutoh will show its complete product portfolio of cutting plotters, eco-solvent, mild-solvent and solvent wide-format printers. As the novelties the new Spitfire 100 Extreme and the Blizzard series printers will be presented. Both printers incorporate Mutoh's new intelligent interweaving print technology. The Spitfire 100 Extreme is a 2.6 m printer offering impeccable production output quality at 42 qm and top speeds up to 81 qm/h. Available in both 65" and 90" versions, the Blizzard incorporates 8 microstaggered print heads and delivers impeccable production speeds up to 40 qm/h and top speeds up to 81 qm/h. Mutoh has taken a totally new approach with its intelligent interweaving technology, which is called I². Ink is laid down in carefully optimized wave forms, not the straight lines used by other wide-format inkjet printers. The result is a drastic reduction or even total elimination of the typical difficulties inherent in conventional digital inkjet printing, such as horizontal banding, step mismatch banding, ink mottle and bleed. Next to Mutoh Europe's booth, Mutoh authorized distributor **System GmbH will build a partner booth (hall 8A, booth I 02)** where the Mutoh Certified Partners for Germany will be able to welcome Germany's sign professionals on one central platform, to present Mutoh's extensive portfolio of digital printing and cutting equipment. Mutoh's Certified Partner program, called "MCP", is a close cooperation between printer manufacturer Mutoh Europe, Mutoh Deutschland GmbH and LFP distributor System GmbH.



viscom 2007: hall 8a, booths H 02 and H 20

More information: www.mutoh.be and http://www.mutoh.be/01/MyDocuments/PR_SPFR_100.pdf

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6) TEPEDE: Teckwin is going to introduce two new printer models

Teckwin is going to introduce at viscom fair in Düsseldorf and later in October at SGIA show in Orlando the new UV printers based on Xaar's Omnidot-technology. The TheckThunder is a 1.6 m wide hybrid printer for rigids up to 3 m and more in length and roll media based on the known and well accepted TeckSmart UV. The TheckStorm is a completely new designed flat bed printer for rigid boards up to 2.4, up to 50 mm thickness and a weight of about 30 kg/qm. During print process the table stays still whereas the complete bar with the print head moves. Booth machines always incorporate white as printing color. In addition Teckwin and the partner TEPEDE will introduce at viscom the new TeckStone 3200 mm solvent printer. By introducing these new printers Teckwin is going to express their position as a worldwide leading manufacturer of wide format print solution and now offers one of the widest ranges of printers.



viscom 2007: hall 8b, booth J 30

More information: www.tepede.com

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7) Mimaki Europe and nbn: Comprehensive UV and solvent solutions

While the Mimaki Europe's stand focuses on exciting new UV large format printing solutions, visitors will be able to see Mimaki's solvent inkjet printers and cutting plotters at nbn's stand. Mimaki Engineering will be concentrating its viscom presentations on the high growth market of UV printing. Among the numerous products and solutions at the Mimaki Europe stand visitors will find the JF-1610 industrial flatbed inkjet printer for printing on various rigid and flexible substrates up to a size of 1.6 x 3.1 m. Extreme high resolution, near photorealistic prints (up to 1,200 x 2,400 dpi) are realized with the UJF-605CII UV inkjet printer. Another highlight at Mimaki's booth will be the new UJF-605RII roll-to-roll printer for small run production and proofing of package print. At nbn's stand, new, interesting and trendsetting products from Mimaki will be shown. The line-up starts with solvent inkjet printing systems and includes cutting plotters and UV print solutions. The new Mimaki JV33 series, which is available in four different ink types. Within the super wide format range, the new JV5-320 featuring unique functionalities and an impressive speed of up to 60 sqm/hr at a resolution of 540 x 720 dpi will be presented. **Mimaki products can be seen on viscom at booth L 50 in hall 8b (Mimaki Europe stand) and in hall 8a at booth G 20 (nbn Elektronik).**

More information: www.mimakieurope.com and www.mimaki.de

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8) Roland DG introduces new printers at viscom

Roland DG Benelux announces that it will be introducing three new printers and other products on the Roland booth at viscom in Düsseldorf. At first there is the Soljet PRO III. In the EcoSol Max printer series Roland will be releasing the XJ-640 and the XJ-740. Both printers belong to the same PRO III series as the XC-540 Print&Cut plotter. High quality and high productivity printing are the two of the key ingredients in the development of the two XJ products. These six-color printers incorporate piezo heads to deliver speeds of up to 42.6 qm/h (XJ-740) and high images up to 1440 dpi. At second, for the industrial printing market Roland has introduced the AJ-740. This 72" solvent printer has a max resolution of 720 dpi and will deliver the desired speed and quality for all outdoor printing jobs. The AJ-740 has a maximum quality printing speed of 44 qm/h and he is specially designed for printing mesh, banners, textiles, billboard papers and vinyls.

viscom 2007: hall 8a, booth H 30

More information: www.rolanddg.be

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9) Océ: New products at viscom 2007

At viscom 2007, Océ presents numerous new products. With regards to flatbed printing the Océ Arizona 250 GT as well as an Océ CS7000 series product enhancement are at the center of the exhibition. Thanks to Océ's VarioDot imaging technology the Arizona 250 GT sets a new benchmark with regards to printing quality using UV curable inks. VarioDot represents the next evolution of piezo inkjet technology that enables a print head to produce dots of variable sizes. These variable dots are created by dispensing ink droplets in eight different shades of grey that vary in size from 6 to 42 picolitres. The system delivers a true production print speed between 12 qm and 16 qm per hour. Océ presents also the CS9065 and the new CS9060. Here, the VarioDot technology delivers up to 3.5 picolitres of small ink droplets. Other new products in Océ's portfolio include laminators and cutting systems by Neolt. These systems add to Océ's portfolio in the display graphics area. At viscom 2007, the company also introduces a Neolam 1650H. In addition, Océ shows the enhanced variety of digital printing products at the trade show including systems using water-based inks, oil-based inks, UV curable inks or others. **viscom 2007: hall 8a, booth I 50**

More information: www.oce.com

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10) nbn shows wide LFP product range at viscom



At nbn's viscom booth, the longstanding German LFP importer and partner of specialized dealers, several of its represented manufacturers will be present in person. A mine of first-hand information about color management and print technologies. Mimaki news will be shown partly by nbn and, because of the enormous amount of 2007-innovations, partly at Mimaki Europe's own booth. At the nbn stage, the German manufacturer ColorSolutions is showing the new BasICColor Demon, which addresses by its ICC-DeviceLinks, photographers, pre-press professionals and service-providers, in its full workflow from profiling to printing. Wasatch presents SoftRIP 6.5, which sets by its 16 Bit rendering new benchmarks at halftones and neutral grey. Shiraz shows by its latest PC/Mac/Linux RIP, how easy perfect prints are achievable even in a client-server workflow. And also the nbn crew looks forward to brisk interest in the new Mimaki solvent printers JV33 and JV5-320s, the UV flatbed series JF, the flatbed cutting plotter CF2, which enables - combined with JF - weighty print&cut applications and, in the digital printing of screenprint films with Agfa medias. **viscom 2007: hall 8a, booth G 20**

More information: www.nbn.de

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11) Zünd spreads out new capabilities at Fachpack in Nürnberg

As worldwide manufacturer and distributor of flatbed cutting systems, Zünd Systemtechnik AG will exhibiting the latest in multifunctional cutting technology at Fachpack in Nürnberg/Germany. Zünd truly has a solution for everyone – whether their application involves producing sample packaging from folding carton or corrugated card board, printed POS/POP displays, or cutting packaging foam, ejection rubber for die-making, or printing blankets. The company will exhibit a Zünd M-800 configured for multiple applications, including packaging sample-making, display production, and die-making. The company is also presenting its latest addition to Zünd tooling, the V-cut tool, which is used for cutting X-board, reboard, and other extremely tough multilayered POP materials. **Fachpack 2007: hall 1, booth 339**

More information: www.zund.com

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12) Mutoh Europe: Digital printing solutions for the textile market at ITMA

At the ITMA, Mutoh will present its Viper family of printers: Viper Series dye sublimation printers and Viper TX Direct Textile printers, available both in 65" and 90". Mutoh's Viper TX is able to print directly onto non-stretch textile with open or closed structure, such as PES flag, cotton and silk. Viper TX is targeted at short run volumes, varying from sample creation to small lot production. Application possibilities are soft signage, flags, trade show graphics, home furnishings, etc. Mutoh's Viper dye sublimation printers have been engineered for high speed printing on the thinnest available transfer paper for transfer to fabric or rigid materials. The Viper Series printers are also suited for direct printing on non-stretch polyester fabrics with closed structure. As a worldwide premiere, Mutoh will also show its new VIPER 100 printer, a new 102" (2.6 m wide) dye sublimation printer, offering top speeds of 81 qm/h for high volume production and top quality production output at 42 qm/h. **ITMA 2007: hall C2, booth 235/334**



More information: www.mutoh.be

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13) Multi-Plot shows professional products at viscom

Multi-Plot will be at viscom for the presentation of various categories. The sublimation transfer, the direct printing and the finishing and cutting systems will be presented. The viscom visitors can see how the complete workflow of the print technologies works with digital textile printers from d.gen and roland. Products like banners, flags, towels, mouse pads, pillow, advertising tools or cloth in small and large format will be produced. Additional heat rotary presses (HeatJet) or fixation machines (FixJet) will be demonstrated by Multi-Plot. After a detailed advice, the viscom visitors could easily see which print system is suitable for its requirements. The viscom visitors will also see the brand new printer "d.gen Arachne Combo". It combines two printing workflows in one. The "Arachne Combo" produces designs directly on textiles for clothing, home furnishings and other varieties of textiles. Besides, it is possible to print on transfer paper (e.g. Jetcol) for sublimation transfer. The "d.gen Arachne Combo" prints up to a printing width of 187 cm. From the autumn there will be the Arachne Combo also in the pressure width of 260 cm with 6 colors.



viscom 2007: hall 8a, booth J 31

More information: www.multiplot.de

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14) Zimmer Austria presents new Chromajet models at ITMA

At ITMA 2007 in Munich Zimmer Austria will present the new Chromojet models printing on terry towels, upholstery fabrics, blankets and carpets. The production of small and medium as well as long runs is even available now with pigment pastes to print fabrics for the promotion and event market. One important feature has never changed: All Chromojet models have been and will be able to print with any commercial standard printing dyestuff from the textile finishing industry. Both digital Chromojet machines displayed at the ITMA will frequently print live on terry towels and carpets. Additionally Zimmer will show samples of a large variety of materials produced by Chromojet customers. Also on display at the ITMA will be a range of recent models of Rotascreen and Magnoprint screen printers and Magnoroll coating and finishing equipment for the textile industry. **ITMA 2007: hall C2, booth 216**

More information: www.zimmer-austria.com

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15) SETeMa BV introduces the Portafix Universal steamer

At ITMA in Munich the SETeMa B.V. from Boxmeer/Netherlands will present finishing equipment for everyone. SETeMa's focus towards all textile finishing processes around printing applications, has lead to a broad range of finishing equipment. Modularity, highest possible performance and a low energy and water consumption are the key words in the product line formed by pre-coat, fixation, washing, finishing and drying systems. Products can, even afterwards, be combined in each requested configuration, giving each customer the most flexible solution with a minimal investment. The Porta-Clean washing unit, developed for the flag and banner market removes coatings and non-fixated dyestuffs with a minimal fresh water consumption. The Portafix Universal steam/air fixation unit is suitable for the fixation of all textile dyestuffs, with temperatures in the range 100° to 180° and dwell times between 2 and 30 minutes. It is equipped with a build-in steam generator. The fixation units can be delivered in 3, 6, 9 and 11 linear meters content and are afterwards upgradeable to 11 meters. The newly introduced Portafix Universal, in a width of 3.4 m, and the Porta-Clean, in a width of 2.5 m, will be shown at the ITMA 2007. Marketing and sales activities of SETeMa are handled by 2-some. **ITMA 2007: hall A2, booth 303/404**

More information: www.setema.com and www.2-some.com



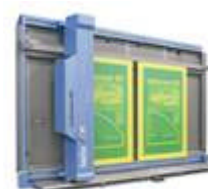
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16) Lüscher shows JetScreen DX at ITMA

Lüscher AG presents the JetScreen DX, a new type of exposing technology to improve the screen engraving, which now uses blue laser diodes to expose rotary and flat bed screens. The new blue laser diode exposure head, entirely developed by Lüscher AG, produces rotary and flat bed screens not only considerably faster, but also provides a distinct improvement in image quality simultaneously, with a much higher resolution capability than can be achieved with wax inkjet technology. The exposure of all common emulsions and on all common types of mesh and nickel screens is completed in a one off operation. Kurt Steidle, CEO, about the significance of the ITM show for his company: "The textile printing sector is one in which Lüscher AG has been very much involved in the past and we intend to remain so in future as well because we believe it to be an area for substantial contribution with our computer to Screen products."

ITMA 2007: hall C2, booth 225/324

More information: www.luescher.com



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17) Summa announces its series of Summacut plotters

Summa is pleased to announce its "Pharos", an outstanding series of SummaCut plotters. The Pharos series is a new evolution on the SummaCut platform. The OPOS X technology of the high-end S-Class has been integrated on this cost effective vinyl cutting plotters, enabling the SummaCut Pharos to read cross-marks for contour cutting not only on standard materials but also on reflective, holographic or mirroring materials as well as through different kinds of laminates. The SummaCut has already been using for a longer time the most complex algorithms to compensate any deformation of the print, and now it also offers the best sensor technology. In order to improve productivity, SummaCut Pharos supports Barcode reading and similar to the professional S-Class the OPOS system is automatically activated and deactivated for continuous working without operator intervention. The name Pharos has been given to the series for symbolic reasons. Pharos was a technological wonder of its age and the ingenuity of its lens construction inspired contemporaries with the distance of its signal.

More information: www.summa.eu

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18) GCC at viscom 2007

GCC will proudly present the latest advancement in printing and laser engraving / marking / cutting technology at viscom 2007 in Düsseldorf. This time, as the world premiere, GCC will exhibit the LaserPro C1812, a light, multi-purpose and reliable laser engraver. It has dimensions of 28.4" W x 25.2" L x 14" H (720W x 640L x 355H mm), a working table at 18" x 12" (457 x 305 mm), and a stylish exterior design; the C1812 delivers spectacular engraving and cutting results. In addition to the LaserPro C1812, you will also discover a series of their superior LaserPro products: the Gaia cutting system, the Venus II engraving system, the StellarMark I-10 and E2918-d marking system. Also on display are GCC's exceptional StellarJET UV curable inkjet printers and the all-new Jaguar IV (JF-61) featuring enhanced AAS II contour cutting system for obtaining precise cutting performance. Equipped with a high-speed digital servo drive system, the Jaguar IV series offers a maximum cutting speed of 60 inch / second and 600 gram cutting forces.

viscom 2007: hall 8a, booth F 40

More information: www.GCCworld.com

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19) Cruse: To exhibit at the „art fair europe“ in Rheda Wiedenbrück

At the newly established fine art trade show in Rheda Wiedenbrück, Germany Cruse exhibits their latest scanner, the CS185ST-VR, featuring „over-sampling lighting“. This technology enables flawless scans of even darkest areas so that high-end artwork can be reproduced at the highest possible quality. Cruse's scanners are renowned for high quality art reproduction. Thanks to an adjustable texture effect and gentle lighting, originals can be easily digitalized in outstanding quality. The optionally variable texture effect as well as an optionally available light deflector allows for enhancing structures in the original in any desired style. Cruse's fine art scanners are available in standard sizes of up to 1.50 x 2.25 meters. Museums and galleries will find it important to be able to digitalize artwork touch free; with the help of Cruse scanners this is possible. The optional frame adjustment program allows for easy handling while realizing perfect sharpness and lighting across the entire scanned area. Cruse scanners can be equipped as necessary with a suction plate, 90-180° book holder, with or without glass proof, a transmitted light device for various slides, variable resolution, variable reproduction angles, and post processing software.

art fair europe: hall 2, booth B 6

More information: www.crusedigital.com or www.crusescanner.de

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20) Xaar shows the direction for future label production

Xaar will be exhibiting at Labelexpo Europe 2007 where several leading partners will hold the worldwide launch of their innovative systems featuring Xaar piezoelectric printheads. The integration of Xaar's technology into these digital printers marks the continuation of Xaar's growing contribution to the digital label printing industry. Xaar will be demonstrating the productivity, quality and reliability of the 1001 head, with UV ink. This dynamically variable drop (greyscale) printhead is based on Xaar's patented Hybrid Side-Shooter platform with TF Technology. The combination of these features is ideal for high-quality, single-pass printing: fine details, smooth tones and readable text can be reproduced reliably and consistently.

Labelexpo Europe: booth 12U80

More information: www.xaar.com

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21) Marabu presented Marajet DI-R for Roland printers

Marabu has extended its digital printing ink range for Wide Format printing. Marabu presented the mild, solvent-based inkjet ink Marajet DI-R for Roland printers. In an unexcelled way, it combines a good light fastness, a high color strength, and a big color gamut. Marajet DI-R has especially been developed for Roland printing machines such as the well-known VersaCamm and Soljet models. Further Roland printers, the EcoSolMax can easily be switched over to Marajet DI-R. The substrate range includes different types of PVC self-adhesive foils (monomer resp. polymer PVC foils and cast foils) as well as PVC-coated substrates like banner and tarpaulin materials, coated and uncoated textiles, furthermore suitable papers.

viscom 2007: hall 8a, Combination booth H 60 with Farben-Frikell Berlin GmbH

More information: www.marabu-inks.com

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22) SA International announces PhotoPRINT 6 and Flexi 8.5



SA International announces PhotoPRINT 6 and Flexi 8.5. Highlighting features of PhotoPRINT 6 such as compatibility with Windows Vista operating system, a redesigned user interface, dual roll printing and Application Direct Printing through dynamic PPDs. Also, continuing their efforts in ease-of-use, they introduce Print Wizard, which offers inexperienced users a fool-proof path to high quality output and a new point-and-click color variations tool. Users of all skill levels will appreciate the improved Color Profiler, which simplifies the workflow of ICC output profile generation while adding time-saving features. Highlighting features of Flexi 8.5, such as compatibility with Windows Vista operating system, dual roll printing, Application Direct Printing through dynamic PPDs, repeat job function. Continuing their efforts in ease-of-use, they offer a point-and-click color variations tool and context-sensitive help files. Version 8.5 is proof of their continuous effort to remain the number one sign making software in the industry.

viscom 2007: hall 8a, booth E 02

More information: www.saintl.biz

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23) Caldera: Strategic partnership with Barbieri

Caldera and Barbieri Electronic have announced an exclusive calibration to RIP multi-year strategic OEM partnership designed to mutually benefit both companies by better serving their end-users, dealers and printer manufacturer partners. The frame of the partnership consists of delivering "state of the art" automatic color calibration solutions to wide format and grand format printing professionals. "Our users will benefit from the combination of Caldera and Barbieri's leading technology and services, providing them with the most accurate and multipurpose color calibration solutions," said Joseph Mergui, CEO and President of Caldera. Caldera will be introducing the Caldera Swing, an affordable easy to use, versatile and reliable calibration automatic device built to achieve top quality prints from digital output devices. Caldera Swing is a solution for linearization and profiling of photographic and wide format output devices for flexible reflective and transparent materials with a thickness up to 0,7 mm.



viscom france: hall 8.3, booth A 08 / A 09

More information: www.caldera.eu

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24) Eisfeld Datentechnik: PosterJet certified for HP Designjet Z6100

As one of only six RIP solutions worldwide PosterJet 8 is now officially certified by Hewlett-Packard for its Designjet Z6100. For further information on the HP certification program, please visit HP's website: www.hp.com/go/z6100/solutions/posterjet. On account of its outstanding printing speed and quality, in combination with its extraordinary reliability, PosterJet passed the certification program with excellent results. Installed on a common office computer, PosterJet V8 is capable of printing simultaneously on five large format printers. And due to PosterJet's unique SimuPrint technologie, printing starts instantly on all printers, without any RIP time applicable. This worldwide innovation allows PosterJet users to control their entire printing environment highly productively at low costs. PosterJet V8 has been shipped since August 8th. Likewise available is the latest Version of PosterJet 7: version 7.5.7 provides enhanced support for Microsoft Windows Vista 64BIT Editions. It can be downloaded as a free evaluation copy from PosterJet's website. PosterJet 7.5.7 additionally supports the new Canon imagePROGRAF printers iPF5100, iPF6100, and the HP Designjet Z6100.

More information: www.posterjet.com

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25) ErgoSoft presents the latest version of TexPrint at the ITMA

At the ITMA in Munich, ErgoSoft AG will present the latest version of its RIP software TexPrint. As a leading RIP software developer for digital textile printing, the Swiss software house will be at this world largest exhibition for the area of textile. The digital textile printing experts of the ErgoSoft Team will explain in all interested visitors the TexPrint RIP software with its specific functions like cylinder rapport, Step&Repeat, ColorCombine and many other functions. ErgoSoft AG has been developing software for the graphic industries since 1980, and it entered the RIP software market in 1993. It has become one of the most recognizable names in the market. The company is headquartered in Altnau, Switzerland and has a North American office in Nashua, NH, and an Asian office in Hong Kong.

ITMA 2007: hall C2, booth 511

More information: www.ergosoft.net

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26) Inedit at ITMA 2007

The software company Inedit Software S.L. from Barcelona presents its latest developments at ITMA 2007 in Munich. The specialist of solutions for designing and digital textile printing showcases the software package neotextil optimized for Photoshop CS3 and the latest version of the professional color, RIP and print software neoStampa 6. neotextil is a complete solution for color separation, coloration, repeat, visualization and cataloguing for the traditional and digital textile printing and finishing market. neoStampa – with its integrated innovative human color management engine by Tschudi Technology – provides highest quality and productivity for major digital textile printers in the market; for fashion, home textiles, sportswear and signage.

ITMA 2007: hall C2, booth 129

More information: www.neostampa.com and www.neotextil.com

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27) RATIO at the DMS EXPO 2007

In cooperation with Behrens & Schuleit GmbH, RATIO Entwicklungen GmbH is going to present its plotmanagement and cost control software PLOTBASE|PM together with the archiving solution STORAGE OPTION at DMS EXPO. PLOTBASE|PM is a successful output management and cost analyzing software for professional reprographers and the market for Architecture, Engineering and Construction. PLOTBASE|PM stands for an increase in productivity, improvement of internal processes and reduction of printing costs. PLOTBASE|PM STORAGE OPTION offers web-based structured and secure access to ready-to-print documents – time and platform-independent. Optical Character Recognition, an automatic conversion of all supported file formats into PDF and a fast preview make this archiving solution a valuable addition to the PLOTBASE|PM outputmanagement system.

DMS Expo, Cologne: hall 7, booth A 019

More information: www.plotbase.com

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28) HumanEyes Technologies successful at Graph Expo

HumanEyes Technologies reports dramatic lenticular and 3D results on next generation UV printers from HP, Gandinnovations, Fujifilm Graphic Systems and Océ. The company demonstrates at Graph Expo powerful 3D and lenticular production on the newest UV flatbed inkjet printers at its partner's booths throughout the fair being held in Chicago from September 9 to 12, 2007. HumanEyes software allows printers to take advantage of the newest technology to produce high quality lenticular and 3D effects on digital presses. The latest hardware developments make the production of lenticular easier, faster and of highest quality. New processes and materials have also considerably reduced the cost of specialty print production. HumanEyes provides end-to-end solutions for easy content creation, design and production of printed lenticular and 3D projects enabling designers and printers to create printable 3D, flips and animated images. HumanEyes Technologies Ltd., with offices in Jerusalem and New York, has developed and patented simplified methods for creating stereo panoramic 3D pictures.

More information: www.humaneyes.com

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29) SEAL: New bubble-free vinyl for vehicle graphics and rigid displays

SEAL Graphics, a world leader in image and print finishing solutions, has developed a new vinyl that makes it easier for even unskilled operators to create bubble-free vehicle graphics; as well as rigid indoor & outdoor display panels. This new media Inkjet Solvent Premier Vinyl Airmount has an adhesive with a unique internal structure containing fine channels which allow the air to flow out in the application process. This enables operators to apply with confidence and ease over flat or slightly contoured surfaces. Inkjet Solvent Premier Vinyl Airmount is a gloss white polymeric vinyl with a permanent, dark grey adhesive. It has been specifically designed for solvent inkjet printers which do not require coated media. For more demanding outdoor applications such as vehicle graphics or rigid signs, SEAL recommends that the new vinyl is used in conjunction with AquaSEAL liquid laminates to provide maximum protection and ensure the longevity of the digital image.

More information: www.sealgraphics.com

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30) ASLAN: New premium colored vinyl ASLAN C 118 Soft

At viscom 2007 in Düsseldorf ASLAN, Schwarz GmbH & Co. KG presents – besides its manifold range of films for glass decoration and digital printing – the brand new colored vinyl ASLAN C 118 soft. The polymeric calandered colored vinyl ASLAN C 118 soft is based on a softer face film, which makes the vinyl much more flexible. Therefore this opaque plotter vinyl is really conformable and can be applied easily around edges and on contours. It also makes the vinyl easier and faster to weed and thus offers clear advantages during the application. The ASLAN C 118 soft has a thickness of 70 µm, offers a range of 39 glossy colors and is available in different dimensions. Exclusive for time of viscom ASLAN offers all interested visitors to the fair a viscom special-price for testing the new quality of ASLAN C 118 Soft.



viscom 2007: hall 8a, booth H 41

More information: www.ASLAN-Schwarz.com

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31) Grafityp: Focus on GrafiWrap vehicle wrapping at viscom

Grafityp Selfadhesive Products, the Belgian manufacturer of Grafitack and Graficast self adhesive films and Grafiprint digital printing media and laminates, will focus at viscom on the GrafiWrap vehicle wrapping system and on a completely new range of laminates. GrafiWrap specialists will demonstrate the ease with which the Grafiprint self adhesive film S34P, laminated with the Grafiprint laminate LAM040, can be used for wrapping complete vehicles. In this way they convert them into mobile advertising tools that attract the attention of people as they pass by and at the same time protect the vehicle against scratches, stone chips, dirt and the harmful UV rays of the sun.

viscom 2007: hall 8a, booth I 30

More information: www.grafityp.com

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32) Hexis: New line of cast vinyl films

At viscom 2007 in Düsseldorf, Hexis will show their new line of cast vinyl films together with Hex'Press adhesive technology for vehicle wraps and fleet graphics. The Hexis product line up is headed by their HX100WG1, a 50µm cast vinyl film with an adhesive compound that makes the product repositionable during application while allowing convenient elimination of air bubbles. The HX100WG1 features an embossed polyethylene coated liner with a structured adhesive and an extremely conformable vinyl formulation for fast and risk free transfers. Also on show is the KG10000 cast vinyl film for cutting plotters, available in 31 gloss colors. The KG10000 carries an enhanced 50µm cast vinyl film with the proven solvent-based adhesive and the same liner that is also used in their high performance line. Because of its extreme flexibility and conformability this cast vinyl film is particularly recommended for long term applications on complex and compound curved surfaces and for vehicle full wraps. It features an outdoor durability of up to 10 years and is thus the ideal high end solution for corrugated or riveted substrates and all substrates with long life cycles. Vehicle wraps using HX100WG1 will be on demo during the show. Data sheets, swatches and samples are available directly from Hexis or from local distributors.

viscom 2007: hall 8b, booth J 60

More information: www.hexisgroup.com

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33) Neschen: More products to come

Due to the company's success with their filmolux easy clear matt and gloss economy laminates, Neschen decided to include another variety of semi-matt surfaces into its portfolio. Hence, the product selection that is designed for applications of up to 2 years has become wider. As an addition to previous solutions in the area of panels, Neschen added an economy hot lamination solution to its portfolio: filmolux ECO hot nolite LM (Low Melt) and filmolux ECO hot scratch LM. The filmolux hot gloss LM plus is replacing the previous lowmelt product quality, now „filmolux hot gloss lowmelt“, and is characterized by improved quality. Something entirely new is the user-friendly adhesive foil „gudy window“ which can be glued on by hand on the spot. The foil has been especially developed for easy manual adhesion onto glass windows enabling bubble-free bonding thanks to structured glue featuring air channels.

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More information: www.neschen.com

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34) Craftecazon and M-real: EVOLVE – Large format recycled paper

Craftecazon and M-real are pleased to announce the introduction of EVOLVE Large format the bright-white 100% recycled paper. EVOLVE large-format represents a new generation of recycled papers for large-format inkjet and plain paper copier applications and offers a timely alternative to companies committed to an environmental charter to reduce, re-use and recycle. Craftecazon, as one of the UK's leading paper manufacturers and distributors, is delighted to state that this new 100% recycled paper is as good as if not better than the standard paper used in the large-format printing industry, yet through its production process, has significantly less impact on our environment. Available in an 80gsm and 90gsm for inkjet and 80gsm for PPC, this high-grade bright-white paper is produced by M-real. EVOLVE Large Format will be to provide an economical option to copy shops, drawing offices, architects and engineers using large-format inkjet or plan printers and working towards being as environmentally conscientious as they can be. EVOLVE Large Format is available in inkjet widths of 610 mm, 841mm and 914 mm, and PPC widths of 594 mm and 841 mm, and both are available as A0 and A1 cut sheets. Specification sheets are also available as downloadable PDF's.

More information: www.craftecazon.com or www.m-real.com

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35) LexJet presents Sunset Fibre Elite

Following a banner year of awards and accolades for its Sunset line of fine art and photo media, LexJet has released the latest in its fibre line of fine photo papers, Sunset Fibre Elite. Sunset Fibre Elite was developed based on feedback from users of Sunset Fibre Gloss who were looking for a super-smooth, bright white, glossy surface in a fibre paper. Sunset Fibre Elite has a 285g microporous high gloss-coated surface with a special acid-inhibiting layer, and is universally compatible with all dye and pigmented inksets. It is available in standard sheet sizes and roll widths up to 44 in. Sunset Fibre Elite is now available and shipping from LexJet's nationwide network of distribution centers. It is backed by LexJet's customer service and product support.

More information: www.lexjet.com

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36) Cytack: Cypreme laminates with a 3 times higher UV-resistance

The lifespan of a product is for a major part depending on its UV-resistance. The longer a product can resist UV, the longer it will keep its colour and brilliance and automatically has a longer lifespan. This was the target of the project for R&D which resulted into the fact that they managed to develop a laminate with a special Ocular-UV-filter which improves the UV-resistance times 3 in comparison to traditionally used products. This special UV-filter has its impact in film and adhesive to absorb UV-A and UV-B rays to an extremely high degree. Cytack has enforced all its Cypreme laminates with the special Ocular-UV-filter.

More information: www.cytack.com

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37) JM Technical Textiles guarantees environmental harmlessness

All of the manufacturer's textiles for digital print are produced in accordance with the Ökotex standard and PVC-free. Already in 2001 JM began to develop substrates for digital print. From the beginning, the mid-sized company from Mönchengladbach, Germany attached great importance to bringing only so-called green products to the market. All products are manufactured without the use of heavy metals and do not contain any PVC, phthalates, fungicides, glycol ether or phosphates. All digital print substrates by Junkers & Müllers are manufactured in accordance with the guidelines of the Ökotex 100 IV standard. Today, JM is delighted with its early decision as market demands are continuously growing in this direction. Many well-known companies have introduced corporate policies to only procure ecologically harmless products. Meanwhile, JM can offer a comprehensive selection of digitally printable textiles that are suitable for a wide range of applications.



More information: www.jm-techtex.com

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38) texcon: Transfer printing on natural fibers

A perfectly new technology and process engineering will present texcon GmbH*3t-Innovations from Mönchengladbach, Germany on the ITMA 2007 in Munich. The transfer printing on natural fibers with the conventional sublimation coloring dyes and -inks are already on 100% cotton, silk, linen, jute, hemp and their mixtures realized. Others to now than simply colorable or colorable valid kinds of fiber such as glass fiber, Aramid and others printed on with sublimation technology. In many cases a machine investment is not necessary. Process engineering can be integrated simply into the existing enterprise, whereby accordingly the pretreatment product of the SNP row (Sublistatic Natural Printing) is optimized. For light textiles impregnating is recommended and for heavy goods coatings of all kinds. The products are ecological on water basis, and

can eliminate many improving processes (e.g. coloring) by uni printing. On the ITMA presents texcon GmbH with the partner company Muratex a multi-functional impregnating and a coating plant out and the technology and process engineering of the transfer printing on natural fibers and/or a new transfer relief technology by a combination of the fiber/chemistry/mechanical engineering.

ITMA 2007: hall C2, booth 519

More information: www.3t-technologies.com

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39) Xaar gives full approval to Aqua Tint Ink

Aqua Tint Ink is a manufacturer from India which has received a Xaar "approval". Xaar is pleased to announce that it has approved Aqua Tint's range of solvent inks for use with its Xaar 128 printheads. Based in Mumbai/India Aqua Tint Ink is the first South Asian ink manufacturer to gain "Approved" status from Xaar. The Award confirms that Aqua Tint Inks offer outstanding jetting, color and mechanical properties and, when used with Xaar 128 printheads, provide high quality optimized results. Xaar works in partnership with the world's leading ink manufacturers to develop and approve the widest range of compatible inkjet inks to provide assurance that they offer the highest performance when used in conjunction with Xaar's complete range of market-leading printheads. Xaar "Approved" inks have passed Xaar's rigorous test criteria, which includes materials compatibility, printhead lifetime testing, print performance and extended reliability testing. These inks give optimum performance in the Xaar 128 range of printheads and protect against short printhead life.

More information: www.xaar.com

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40) SGIA '07 Early Registrations Exceed Expectations

"Six weeks to go until SGIA '07 (Orlando, October 24-27, 2007) and registration is booming", says SGIA President/CEO Michael Robertson. He notes a 7 percent increase in attendees' pre-show registrations over the same time frame for last year's record-breaking Expo (21,424 in attendance). More than 550 companies will exhibit at this year's Expo. "SGIA '07 is poised to break Expo records," Robertson said, "and SGIA is creating tools so imagers tools can maximize their and gain insight from the innovative environment." "New for SGIA '07", features exhibitors' latest products on SGIA.org. Content comprises entries exhibitors post in their SGIA Virtual Trade Show booths. „Show Preview Webinars will provide a broad look at graphics production (September 18) and garment decorating trends (September 19), plus new technologies and materials that will be found in the Expo Hall“, said Dan Marx, SGIA Vice President, Markets & Technologies. "These early looks at equipment, services and materials from the hundreds of exhibitors, will give you a picture of what SGIA '07 will have on hand," says Marx, who leads the graphics session. Johnny Shell, SGIA Vice President, Technical Services, leads the garment-focused Webinar.

More information: www.sgia.org

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41) heytex: NORD Holding has acquired Julius Heywinkel GmbH



NORD Holding Unternehmensbeteiligungsgesellschaft mbH, Hanover, has acquired the Julius Heywinkel Group from the Wilhelm Karmann Corporation in a management buyout. The core of the Group is Julius Heywinkel GmbH headquartered in Bramsche near Osnabrück with its subsidiaries Heytex Neugersdorf GmbH in Saxony and Heytex Technical Textiles (Zhangjiagang) Co. Ltd. in China. The present single management structure will continue as such in a new holding company specifically founded for this purpose and based in future in Bramsche. The Heywinkel Group specializes in producing coated technical textiles and fabrics and has positioned itself as a market leader for large format banner advertising. A further major business segment is "Systems and Components" that has built up a solid reputation as an automotive supplier for trim elements for vehicle interiors amongst other things. In contrast to the majority of other financial investors who manage only temporary funds, NORD Holding operates as a so-called "evergreen" without any time limitation. This enables the holding company to evolve and to use its growth potential without any external pressure. The new partnership with NORD Holding will only have positive effects on the strong market position of the Heywinkel Group. This and the existing innovation and production know-how at its current locations will enable further expansion and the international development of the Group.

viscom 2007: hall 8a, booth G 60

More information: www.heytex.com

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42) Esko and Artwork Systems become EskoArtwork

Esko and Artwork Systems announce the completion of their merger transactions. The new combined business will go forward under the EskoArtwork brand, a name that reflects the strong heritage and broad customer base of the founding companies. EskoArtwork is a global market leader for innovative design, pre-production and collaboration solutions to the packaging industry. EskoArtwork also provides a broad range of workflow solutions to the commercial printing market, as well as the Enfocus suite of PDF tools for graphic designers and print production professionals. Bringing together the best products, people and practices of the integrated companies, EskoArtwork is ready to support its customers' needs through a global sales and support network, including distribution partners, backed by its 1,000 dedicated professionals.

More information: www.esko.com

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43) STARFLEX: New Blockouts 5M seamless from the new Factory

STARFLEX Co. Ltd. is moving to a larger facility located in South Korea. STARFLEX expands the facility by the end of 2007, enabling it to enhance the production capacity, quality and further investment on R&D. To be able to meet the increasing demand without extending the lead-time, the production capacity will be doubled up from 2008 at the new factory. In the middle of the transfer and the new installations, numerous sites of the new factories are already functional. Thanks to the larger machines newly installed last month, 3 best selling blockouts from STARFLEX are now offered up to seamless 5M. Opaque, double side printable, multi-tasking features with super-wide format availability will make the job easy. Available widths of SBO-15 (510g/qm), SBO-16 (540g/qm), and SBO-20 (680g/qm) are 137cm, 160cm, 220cm, 250cm, 320cm, 500cm as standard widths, and the customized production is possible from 80cm up to 530cm. As one of the leading manufacturers of PVC flexible substrate, STARFLEX CO. LTD. produces a very comprehensive range of Back-lit, Front-lit, Blockout, Mesh for wide & super-wide format solvent printers.

More information: www.star-flex.com

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44) Megaink: Dr. Ingolf Kaspar new Regional Manager

Czech based Megaink, a leader in the development of inks for the outdoor advertisement digital printer market, is further expanding its sales team and has appointed Dr. Ingolf Kaspar to the role of Regional Manager. Ingolf Kaspar brings more than five years of experience in sales management, service and marketing from the alternative ink business. He has previously been LYSON Europe territory manager and most recently European Sales Manager at Digital Ink Company in Germany. In team with Alex Nussem, Mr. Kaspar will support and enhance the significant growth of Megaink's distribution in EMEA region.

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