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Dear readers,

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

1) EuroShop 2008 on course for success

Things are looking good for EuroShop 2008 from 23 to 27 February 2008 in Düsseldorf: The world's No. 1 investment goods fair for the retail trade and its partners is attracting enormous interest. With 1,800 firms more exhibitors have registered than ever (2005: 1,652 exhibitors). 55% of those firms exhibiting come from abroad and 50 countries will be exhibiting in total. This means net exhibition space at EuroShop will also pass the 100,000 qm mark for the first time since the fair's inception about 40 years ago. The ranges exhibited at EuroShop 2008 include the proven quartet of segments: EuroConcept (shop fitting, shop furnishings, lighting, architecture & store design, refrigeration cabinets and cooling logistics), EuroSales (visual marketing, sales promotion and PoS marketing), EuroCIS (information and security technology) and EuroExpo (exhibition stand construction, design and events). EuroShop 2008 in Halls 3-17 (excl. Hall 8) of the Düsseldorf Exhibition Centre is open to trade visitors daily from Saturday, 23 February 2008, to Wednesday, 27 February 2008, from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm.



More information: www.euroshop.de

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2) FESPA: Program for Digital Textile Conference in Geneva

FESPA has announced the conference program for its first-ever Digital Textile Conference (31st March to 1st April 2008). Entitled Digital Printing for Commercial Success, the conference will focus on both commercial and technical topics, examining market opportunities in the sector. Visitors will have the opportunity to hear a number of digital textile printing authorities, including Gerrit Koele, Mike Willis, Patti Williams and Stewart Partridge, examine a variety of issues, providing valuable insight into the sector. Delivered in partnership with industry publication Digital Textile e-Broadcast, the two-day conference brings together for the first time a significant number of speakers who are practicing textile printers. Digital pioneers from each of the main textile market areas, the speakers will discuss their businesses, assess the current stage of the industry's development including commercial opportunities in this expanding market, as well as discussing future prospects. Visitors to the Digital Textile Conference (31st March to 1st April), taking place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, will be able to easily combine this valuable event with a visit to the FESPA DIGITAL PRINTING EUROPE 2008 exhibition (1st to 3rd April) held at the Palexpo exhibition centre, immediately adjacent to the hotel. Further program and booking details are available on the FESPA Digital web site at www.fespadigital.com, where delegates can book now.

More information: www.fespadigital.com

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3) GCC: StellarJET 183UV curable inkjet printer

GCC, a global forefront equipment-manufacturing provider in the visual-tech industry, is proud to introduce a new addition to the StellarJET family – the StellarJET 183UV curable inkjet printer. GCC StellarJET 183UV is a top-performance UV curable inkjet printer designed to output high-resolution images, capable of printing directly on both rigid and flexible substrates up to 1830 mm (72 inches) width, and 25.4 mm (1 inch) thickness, giving printing speed up to 60 square meters per hour. It has a hybrid media handling system which includes a light built-in flatbed and a heavy duty auto roll-fed which prints on either long banners or adhesive vinyl. Furthermore, an additional extension table and a roll-to-roll take up system are also available to meet customers' needs. Equipped with Konica Minolta Piezo printheads of drop-on-demand technology, the StellarJET 183UV achieves resolutions of 720x720 dpi and 1440 dpi with Lc (Light Cyan) and Lm (Light Magenta). This new model comes with 4 standard colors CMYK and added optional choices: White Solution, Varnish Solution, and Lc and Lm Solution to provide customers with extra versatility. The StellarJET 183UV fulfills in a wide variety of Sign, POP and PFP applications, such as trade show exhibitions, signage, outdoor/indoor advertisements, decorative coating, packaging, and personalized gifts.

More information: www.GCCworld.com

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4) Roland DG: Upgraded version of the XC-540 printer/cutter

Roland DG has introduced a powerful new version of its SOLJET PRO III XC-540 printer/cutter. The upgraded XC-540 features the new, revolutionary Roland Intelligent Pass Control technology and additional enhancements that deliver even higher levels of speed, print quality, and versatility. The SOLJET PRO III XC-540 printer/cutter is widely recognized for a wide variety of applications, including partial and full vehicle wraps and graphics, signs, POP displays, banners, labels, decals and more. The new XC-540 features the company's new Roland Intelligent Pass Control technology. This new tool doubles the XC-540's productivity in Standard print mode on vinyl 1 for finished graphics that reflect the highest levels of print quality. Roland Intelligent Pass Control also enhances the print quality through even smoother gradation and flawless solid colors.

More information: www.rolanddg.be

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5) EFI: Fiery XF printing solution released

EFI, one of the leader in customer-focused digital printing innovation, has announced the release of the production printing solution Fiery XF, providing leading-edge technology for the wide and superwide format printing market for both production and proofing requirements. Designed for print service providers, especially manufacturers of signs, displays and decor for indoor and outdoor use, Fiery XF delivers high-speed processing, exceptional color quality and increased productivity, as well as seamless connectivity to the broad EFI product portfolio. Fiery XF customers profit from current and future integration with other EFI products to streamline production workflows and increase productivity. Based on EFI's proofing solution ColorProof XF and Bestcolor Technology, Fiery XF advantages EFI's proofing competence for perfect colors. EFI Fiery XF offers intelligent Clean Color and Full Gamut Technology for brilliant print results for both production and proofing purposes in a complete cross-platform application. Clean Color directly addresses the specific color needs of the display graphics market for vivid, saturated color with pleasant modulation and clean appearance.

More information: www.efi.com

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6) Mimaki: New versions of RasterLink Pro and Profile Master

Mimaki Engineering announces the availability of Raster Link Pro III and Profile Master II. These greatly enhanced versions help printers to easily attend to everyday tasks such as advanced ICC profiling and printer equalization. Another new feature in RasterLink Pro III is smooth 16-bit rendering. Especially rapid gradations of tone values tended to show tone jumps in the past. This is now eliminated, as the new 16-bit rendering outputs smooth gradations. RasterLink Pro III also automatically converts users existing 8 bit profiles into new 16 bit profiles, suitable for both 8 bit and, of course, 16 bit rendering. Despite the additional RIP processing required for 16-bit rendering overall RIP throughput is maintained or even improved. Mimaki's White Layer Print functionality has also been enhanced. Prints on transparent materials are printed simultaneously with white either underneath or over the image to create very vivid and beautiful prints. Within Mimaki Profile Master II the new calibration and equalization functions offer printers a new threshold of printing accuracy and consistency. Traditionally print head replacement results in slight color variations. Profile Master II takes care of this and calibrates your printer in such a way that these differences are detected and adjusted, so that every print looks the same – even after print head changes. RasterLink ProIII is in the box with every purchase of JV33 series (JV33-130/JV33-160) and JV5 series (JV5-130/JV5-160/JV5-320) printers.

More information: www.mimakieurope.com

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7) Wasatch: COLORIP Upgrade released

Wasatch Computer Technology has released the Wasatch COLORIP Upgrade, offering additional capabilities and compatibility to thousands of Roland owners around the world. With it, COLORIP users gain support of the latest file formats and operating systems, third party media profiles and premium features including 16-bit color, direct to layout workflows, and pre-RIP nesting. Previous releases of COLORIP they based it on 8-bit rendering. Wasatch's new 16-bit color pipeline maintains color data to produce output that is truly faithful to the original source image. With the Wasatch COLORIP Upgrade, you can use the traditional COLORIP workflow or streamline your production with the new Wasatch layout designer. The SoftRIP Direct-to-Layout Workflow uses the full width of the media as a digital canvas. SoftRIP's Smart Nesting tools create efficient layouts automatically, whether you prepare your images directly in the layout window or hold single jobs to arrange later. Smart Nesting with auto-rotation change image orientation to effortlessly maximize media savings.

More information: www.wasatch.com

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8) SCP: reprocontrol.net 4.3 – A new milestone

The new version of SCP's signature product, reprocontrol.net 4.3, has just been released to praise from all quarters, and presents numerous innovations which will particularly interest service-providers and companies searching for the perfect workflow solution. Version 4.3 will become a benchmark for the industry. This new release also signifies a singular advance in the worldwide reputation of reprocontrol.net as a top all-round performer. Version 4.3 has been successfully certified for the HP DesignJet Z 6100. A particularly notable advance is the further development of the inbuilt spectrometer support, saving the user vast amounts of time in color calibration. reprocontrol.net 4.3 offers optional extras such as an integrated Windows printer-driver for direct printing from all Windows applications, and an uncomplicated scanner connection through windows client enabling the sending of copy jobs within a print set. They have developed a customizable transmittal sheet, which allows the user to integrate their own business logo.

More information: www.reprocontrol.net and www.scp.de

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9) ColorGATE PRODUCTIONSERVER –“Certified for HP Z6100”

Three stars six times over, which means the best marks in all disciplines. It was ColorGATE PRODUKTIONSERVER (explicitly in combination with the Profiler-Module) that accomplished this amazing feat. Now the ColorGATE flagship bears the “Certified for HP Z6100” seal as the best offer currently available on the market. The compatibility criteria for the unique HP certification program covers printing performance, the use of the integrated spectro photometer, support of HP media for printing quality, reports on printer status, printing job registration and printing job termination. Based on the results of the latest HP Designjet compatibility test for PRODUKTIONSERVER 5.x (explicitly in combination with the Profiler-Module), it looks like this mission has been accomplished: Fully automatic ICC profiling in less than 20 minutes to achieve optimal color reproduction and consistency. The ColorGATE driver for the spectro photometer permanently integrated into the HP system makes it possible. It is also ideal for perfect film production or proofing applications, when ColorGATE uses the integrated measuring tool for DeviceLink optimization for automatic media-wedge evaluation.

More information: www.colorgate.com

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10) Gandinnovations: New range of Jeti Premium UV-curable Inks

Gandinnovations has launched a new range of Jeti Premium UV-curable Inks. These specially formulated inks have been developed and manufactured by Gandinnovations, in collaboration with its OEM partners worldwide, for use in their famous Jeti Flatbed Series Printers. The new UV-curable inks exhibit excellent flexibility and superior adhesion to polymeric substrates like acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS), coroplast, polycarbonate, polystyrene, different grades of PVC, polyolefins, polyesters and many others. These new UV inks will guarantee the customer's finished printed product, whether it is on roll stock or rigid substrate, does not peel, flake or chip when cut on automated dye cutter or router machine. These new Premium UV-curable inks are a unique 100% solvent-free formulation using only the safest radiation curable raw materials that does not result in the emission of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). This makes them both safe to use and environmentally friendly reducing worker exposure to hazardous substances and environmental pollution. The Jeti Premium UV-curable Inks are manufactured using only the most lightfast pigments such as those used in the automotive industry, which make the inks suitable for use on outdoor displays such as billboards, automotive decorations and vehicle wraps. These new Premium UV-curable Inks sets also yield a wider color gamut which includes white and clear for unique applications.

More information: www.gandinnovations.com

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11) Megaink: BioMG Inks for Mutoh ValueJet Line introduced

Megaink has announced in these days the latest product in its arsenal of hard-hitting innovations, BioMG inks for the Mutoh line of ValueJet printers. The inks come in cyan, magenta, yellow and black. This new development is particularly significant for smaller shops that are likely to use one of the ValueJet printers. Launched just a few months ago, Megaink's BioMG digital printing and high performance inks have been developed from renewable resources rather than traditional chemical solvents, using Bio Solvent based pigmented digital printing fluid. BioMG 440 ml ink cartridges are available for the Mutoh ValueJet 1204/48", ValueJet 1604/64", and the ValueJet 2606/100" as well as for Mimaki and Roland printers.

More information: www.megaink.biz

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12) DuPont: Artistri inks are now available through OEM partners

DuPont Digital Printing has displayed its full line of DuPont Artistri inks for digital direct-to-textile printing at the Imprinted Sportswear Show (ISS) in January in Long Beach, California. As announced in October 2007, Artistri digital ink technology, previously available only as part of the DuPont Artistri digital printing for textiles system, will now be available broadly through select OEM partners and others. "We were very excited to have presented our total ink portfolio to visitors at ISS and to showcased how these well-proven inks have demonstrated commercial success, day after day, in multiple textile applications," said Michael Lazzara, business manager, Artistri. "Our Artistri P5000 ink sets for direct-to-garment printing is particularly well suited to the ISS audience due to the outstanding white ink and process colors that deliver rich long-lasting color." DuPont has leveraged a long history in textiles together with its core competencies in ink, polymer and color technologies. DuPont designed Artistri inks especially for direct-to-garment and roll-to-roll digital printing on a wide variety of fabric types for printers using piezo-electric print heads.

More information: www.dupont.com

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13) Sihl: New banner, poster, and photo papers

Whether large-format picture, posters or pop-up displays – Sihl's new LFP media can be used in a variety of ways both indoors and outdoors. The PhotoSOL Paper PE 190 has been optimized for use with eco and true-solvent inks. This combination of PE-coated photo base, a high degree of whiteness and a homogeneous, high-gloss surface makes it possible to produce top-quality photorealistic prints. Sihl's photo paper with a grammage of 190 g/qm is available as a reel product in widths of 30", 36", 42", and 54". Duraqua Rigid 320 and Duraqua Light 230 round off Sihl's portfolio of POS media. Intended for inkjet printers using dye and pigment inks, both products have a tear-resistant, rigid PVC base and water-resistant coating. Prints reveal an impressive color brilliance, excellent image definition and long durability. BlueSOL Paper 120 and White SOL Paper 120 are inexpensive poster papers, each with blue and white backs. The multi-layered matt-coated media Sihl specially developed it for solvent printers. It is resistant to aging processes and dries quickly after printing.

More information: www.sihlgroup.com



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14) ILFORD: Galerie Gold Fibre Silk at Focus on Imaging 2008

ILFORD announced a few days ago its presence at Focus on Imaging (24th - 27th February, Birmingham N.E.C) where the company will showcase its Galerie range including the award winning GALERIE Gold media. ILFORD will be present on the stand of their exclusive Distributor for the UK photo retail channel, JP Distribution. ILFORD has created GALERIE GOLD Fibre Silk, a 310 gsm inkjet media featuring a traditional barium sulphate (baryta) base. The baryta enhances the media surface which gives the creamy whites and velvety blacks that form part of the unique look and feel of a true fibre print; the standard amongst art photographers worldwide. The media also produces real high definition images with an extended tonal range, making it a must for exhibition quality images ranging from vivid color to dramatic black and whites. Founded in 1879, ILFORD is a leading player in the development and manufacture of photo quality media for both inkjet printing and photographic processes. JP Distribution is committed to providing an exclusive complimentary portfolio of leading brands for the professional and enthusiast photographer via a dedicated network of retail partners. **Focus on Imaging: Stand B1 (Partner Stand with JP Distribution)**

More information: www.ilford.com and www.johnsons-photopia.co.uk

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15) Hexis: The third generation cast vinyl films

Hexis, manufacturer of self-adhesive vinyl with headquarters in France, announced the launch of their third generation of high performance cast vinyl films for cutting plotters. The HX10000 carries enhanced 50 µm cast vinyl film and now comes with the proven structured PE-coated liner with Hex'Press adhesive technology. Because of this extreme flexibility and conformability, this cast vinyl ensures fast and risk free transfers and is particularly recommended for long-term applications on complex and compound curved surfaces such as full vehicle wraps. The adhesive compound facilitates air egress and makes the product repositionable during application while allowing convenient elimination of any folds or air bubbles. The product provides an exceptional outdoor durability of up to ten years and is thus the ideal high-end solution for difficult curved substrates and rivets and all substrates with long life cycles. The new HX10000 replaces the previous KG10000 series and is available in 60 high-gloss colors. The roll size is 30 m long and 1230 mm wide.

More information: www.hexisgroup.com

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16) Sachsen Fahnen at EuroShop

Sachsen Fahnen will be presenting some new products at EuroShop: Used as decorative design elements at the POS, Dekoflag L indoor banners perfectly present the advertising message and create a convenient atmosphere at the same time. You can create interesting 3D effects by combination with other materials. Contour Displays are the new XXL solution for Shopping Centers and Fairs. With Easy Display, Roll Up and X-Display the advertising become customer oriented, professional and presented in a modern design. These displays convince with easy handling and flexible use. Table displays and Bowflag® T are the perfect way for mobile advertising on tables, bars and counters. They are perfect for the presentation of frequently changing offers. Sachsen Fahnen is world wide one of the biggest and most modern printers of promotional textiles with a production site of more than 16.000 square meters. The product range comprises advertising flags and banners, large format prints and numerous accessories. Depending on size and quantity, prints are realized in chemical screen dye or digital printing delivering highest quality. **EuroShop: hall 3, booth F 63**

More information: www.sachsenfahnen.com

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17) Continental Grafix: Solution for new printing technologies

Continental Grafix, European manufacturer of high quality "one way vision" products, evidences once again its reactivity and presence in this market. The users of self-adhesive window films have experienced the same problem when printing them with UV curing inks. The holes were clogged in most cases and the printed image has become useless. Continental Grafix offers an alternative with polyester liner for this problem. Nearly all window films on the European market are provided with a paper liner on the reverse side. The depth of the hole features in those cases exactly the thickness of the film. Continental Grafix though already has figured out the solution for this problem. For the majority of qualities and perforations the company can offer alternatives with polyester or laminated liner. Herewith it solved this problem. These both alternatives have the great advantage that there is an extra perforated backing material on the self-adhesive film before laminating it with a polyester liner or with a "hot melt paper". The deepness of the hole gets bigger due to that additional process. As this window films show a thickness between 120 and 145 microns, it results with 160 to 185 microns holes where the ink can settle in before curing. There is no more bridging problem and no more clogged holes. **EuroShop: hall 5, booth A 47**

More information: www.continentalgrafix.com

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18) CYTACK: Confident appearance with CYTACK Floorgraphics

The Floorgraphics laminates Cypreme starlight and Cybase starlight assure a confident appearance of CYTACK up to now. Cypreme starlight is an 80µm sand-structured and scratch-resistant laminate fitted with a permanent dispersion adhesive and reached the quality class R10 concerning anti-slip property. The 100µm soft-PVC based laminate Cybase starlight with a sand-structured surface and also with a scratch-resistant surface reached the quality class R9. The certificate has been issued by the BGIA (professional association for occupational health and safety). This year Cytrack will present all further innovation on the FESPA Digital Printing Europe 2008.

More information: www.cytack.com

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19) Spandex: Four new banner display systems

Spandex has announced the introduction of four innovative banner display systems to complement its extensive sign system portfolio. The easy-to-use and highly transportable products are designed for use in various exhibition and retail environments and comprise of the Banner-Fix Display, Stand-Up Display, Roll-Up Display and Motorized Scrolling Display systems. Each of the new display solutions has been tested to ensure complete compatibility with a number of high performance materials from Spandex's ImagePerfect Digital media range, as well as with other major material suppliers. Print profiles for all of these materials are available from Spandex to ensure suitability for use with many wide-format digital inkjet printers.

More information: www.spandex.com

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20) RATIO launches New Corporate Website

The Germany-based software developer RATIO highlights its increased capabilities and proficiency in Large Format with a newly designed website. A user-friendly homepage offers clear and transparent navigation to all visitors. New customers and dealers have the opportunity to find lots of information on all RATIO products. Detailed information on the plot-management solutions PLOTBASE|PM, PLOTBASE|3 and CAD|STATION are available as well as a comprehensive description of ARCBASE|5, the Large Format archiving solution. Also, all RATIO products can now be activated via www.ratio.de. New on www.ratio.de is the extensive OEM-area where RATIO presents its longstanding know-how as a successful OEM partner for hardware manufacturers. With its core competence in developing hard- and software innovations to make Large Format Printing more efficient, RATIO is your partner for all steps from defining initial requirements up to logistics and after-sales maintenance.

More information: www.ratio.de

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21) Xaar and Nazdar forge global Ink partnership

Nazdar is the latest ink manufacturer to become a Xaar Approved Ink Partner and supports Xaar's strategy to give end users the freedom to select from a wide range of approved inks. "We are delighted to be working with Nazdar", says Jill Woods, Ink Product Manager at Xaar. "We feel Nazdar's strategies are a good strategic fit with our own policies. We are both very dedicated to delivering high-quality inks to the market." Xaar is also pleased to announce that Nazdar has achieved Xaar 'Approved' status for its range of high-performance Nazdar Lyson 7150F UV and 7340F UV Curable Flexible Series Digital Imaging Inks for use with Xaar 500/40 printheads. Nazdar's inks sold to OEM's, and those also sold under the Lyson digital ink brand, incorporate premium grade pigments and resins to ensure superior outdoor durability, plus superior pigment dispersion technology to allow optimum printing performance. Actual and accelerated weather testing has demonstrated that Nazdar inkjet inks withstand two years exterior exposure without a significant change in density or colour variance. In keeping with its commitment to provide quality products to the graphic communications industry, Nazdar offers two separate limited warranties to provide customer assurance that the inks will perform reliably during the printing process and on finished graphics.

More information: www.nazdar.com and www.xaar.com

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22) INTERGEO East: 19 to 20 February in Belgrade

INTERGEO East will take place from 19 to 20 February in the Serbian capital, Belgrade, and is attracting representatives from across the land management geoinformation and building industries. More than 80 exhibitors will converge on a display area of around 1,500 sqm. The products and solutions offered by these international companies will factor in the trend towards the development and usage of increasingly expert data. INTERGEO East is the industry's largest trade fair and congress in South-East Europe. Now in its fifth year, the event will once again highlight the latest technology and innovations and in 2008, will focus in particular on laser-supported data capture, data management, and data provision. This international Forum will also display

cutting-edge GIS applications that can be used to great benefit in supply and disposal operations. The Republic Geodetic Authority of Serbia/Montenegro (RGZ) organizes the event, the Serbian Chamber of Engineers, the University of Belgrade's Institute for Geodesy, HINTE GmbH, and Congrexpo, all of which provides a forum for high-level knowledge sharing country and an international audience. National and international speakers will deliver presentations on projects that are relevant to both the host country and an international audience.

More information: www.intergeo-east.com

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23) Caldera: New sales managers, new support staffs



Caldera Graphics, an award winning software company with 17 years experience in imaging technologies and large format production printing, continued to improve its turnover and earnings with revenue increasing 49 percent in 2007. Caldera significantly expanded its business volumes, with international demand for its products and services expanding to 56 different countries. The French RIP editor concentrated sales and marketing efforts on helping their distribution channels better market the products and give end-user the best support possible. The company's staff grew from 18 to 23 (plus 4

partner consultants) during 2007, key human resource additions leading to this success included: new sales manager for Germany, Switzerland, Benelux and Austria, new support staff in USA and Asia, and new support staff for Spanish speakers. The Caldera client base grew consistently in 2007 as the company strengthened OEM relationships and signed deals with key LFP players. In 2008, the company plans to raise its turnover with the introduction of a new product line. Joseph Mergui, Caldera's CEO and President is confident in 2008, "We are just launching the new SuperSeven version with many key features for our clients."

More information: www.caldera.eu

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24) SA International: Mrs. Sarit Tichon new Senior Vice President

SA International (SAi), leading provider of Software Solutions for the Professional Sign Making, Digital Printing, Proofing and CAD/CAM for CNC Manufacturing industries, has announced the appointment of Mrs. Sarit Tichon to Senior Vice President of Worldwide Sales. Before this position, Mrs. Tichon held the position of General Manager of SA International Europe (SAE), SA International's European subsidiary that was established in January 2001 to manage Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) within once location. Since 1989, Mrs. Tichon has held several positions within SA International including Director of Sales for EMEA. Before SA International, she held the position of Personal Assistant to the VP of Finance at Degem Systems, Ltd., developer, producer and supplier of training and educational systems. In this new position, Mrs. Sarit Tichon will be responsible for sales of the company's line of professional software solutions through direct channels, distributors, OEMs and dealers around the world. The company's software solutions help turn creative ideas into reality by providing excellent design and editing tools geared for production.

More information: www.saintl.biz

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25) BARBIERI appoints Mr. Wolfgang Passler

BARBIERI electronic announces the appointment of Mr. Wolfgang Passler as International Marketing and Sales Manager. "Wolfgang Passler during the past 4 years has been responsible for international marketing and worked side by side with Marco Foglietti, the former Sales Manager who now went in retirement. Wolfgang has shown good capabilities in communication and has an innovative approach in international business relations. He is now fully prepared to take over the responsibility as Marketing and Sales Manager. I wish Wolfgang a good start in the new position and I am sure he will give an excellent support to our valuable representative, customer and partners", says Mr. Stefan Barbieri, General Manager of BARBIERI electronic. BARBIERI electronic was founded in 1983 as a manufacturer of densitometers for quality control in photographic processing. In the year 1997 BARBIERI electronic expand their product range with spectrophotometers and software for color management in the digital imaging. Since some years BARBIERI electronic produce special solutions for the large format, wide format and flatbed printing market. Products are sold all over the world either through distributors to the end-user or directly to OEM-customers.

More information: www.barbierielectronic.com

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26) Lüscher: The extended management team

The great international sales success of the digital UV-platesetter for conventional offset plates has motivated the Board of Directors of Lüscher AG, Switzerland, to extend the management team as of January 2008. Martin Tschumi was appointed Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Lüscher AG. He was the former Chief Financial Officer in Lüscher's Management Team and joined the company in September 2006. Based on his existing responsibility he will continue with Lüscher's customer oriented management philosophy and is pleased to accept this new challenge. The former Chief Executive Officer Kurt Steidle was elected member of the Board of Directors. Furthermore, he remains member of the Management Team and as Director of Sales and Marketing keeps his responsibilities to manage the global distribution network. Franz Repp was promoted International Sales Director Indirect Channels and will report to Kurt Steidle. Repp was previously responsible and very successful as Sales Manager with his local distributors in Germany and the Benelux.



More information: www.luescher.com

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