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Welcome to Hot Off the Press!

TLMI knows how important it is that our members receive news that's current and as up-to-date as possible. In an effort to further support our membership, and in addition to the bi-monthly *Illuminator*, TLMI will be publishing Hot Off the Press - a new publication that will deliver the latest news to our converter and supplier members.

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Sincerely,
Frank Sablone
President, TLMI

LABEL INDUSTRY GLOBAL AWARDS AT LABELEXPO



On the evening of 9 September at Labelexpo Americas, hundreds of global suppliers, converters, trade associations and media gathered to celebrate and reward excellence in the label industry at the Label Industry Global Awards gala dinner. Votes were collated from across the world, and winners were announced in four categories:

CONTINUOUS INNOVATION AWARD

sponsored by *Labels & Labeling*, *Label & Narrow Web*, *NarroWebTech*

Nominees:

- * 3M Corporation
- * CCL
- * ExxonMobil Chemical
- * Harper Corporation
- * MACTac
- * Mark Andy Corporation
- * Sun Chemical



This award is for a long-established supplier or converter company within the label industry that has shown innovation and creativity over the years.

Winner 2008: ExxonMobil Chemical

ExxonMobil Chemical's Films Business began developing specialized OPP film label stock materials more than 20 years ago and since then has been at the forefront of innovating films designed specifically for pressure-sensitive labels, for the 'no-label look', for roll-fed and Roll-on-Shrink-on (RoSo) labels, for patch film labels and for the offset printing of sheet-fed cut and stack labels - innovations that have had a major impact on the growth, applications and markets for labels worldwide.

The judges commented: "ExxonMobil puts a lot back into the industry through its own excellence and innovation in labeling Awards and through its University of OPP, while its safety performance is a leader in the industry. We also took account of the company's commitment to training and environmental sustainability."

NEW INNOVATION AWARD

sponsored by RotoMetrics

Nominees:

- * BST Pro Mark
- * EFI Jetrion
- * Punch Graphix/Xeikon
- * Tailored Solutions

This award is for a supplier or converter company to the label industry that has introduced innovation in new products or services in the last few years.

Winner 2008: Punch Graphix/Xeikon

The judges said about Xeikon: "Since becoming part of Punch Graphix, Xeikon has worked hard to research, understand and innovate a new generation of digital technology that meets the requirements of a fast-changing label industry for higher quality, faster speeds, shorter runs and new applications using conventional label stocks - one of the true trendsetters in the digital printing area."

**CONVERTER AWARD FOR SUSTAINABILITY/
ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

sponsored by Flint Group Narrow Web

Nominees:

- * Dion Label
- * Metro Label Group
- * Overnight Label
- * Pazazz

This award is for a label converter who has introduced and maintained the most sustainable and environmentally acceptable working practices and can demonstrate key materials, production systems and consumer benefits.

Winner 2008: Metro Label Group

The environment will be a key part of the label industry's future, so the judges were impressed with the pioneering approach taken by Metro. "Starting with a building and facilities, Metro Label Group have incorporated ISO 14000 standards to create not only a first-class manufacturing operation, but also to develop global leadership in establishing an environmental and sustainable future for pressure-sensitive labels."

**R. STANTON AVERY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD**

sponsored by Avery Dennison

The Award recognizes the values and vision of Stan Avery and his pioneering efforts in the label industry.



Neil McDonough

Winner: Neil McDonough, President of FLEXcon Company Inc

President of FLEXcon Company, a global polymeric coater and provider of pressure-sensitive films and adhesive products, Neil McDonough has dedicated a quarter of a century to the label industry and has always been a force of inspiration to his colleagues and peers.

Neil's continuous contribution to the labeling industry is reflected in the company's distinctive focus, which is to work closely with customers to develop unique customized pressure-sensitive solutions. This approach has helped inspire longstanding relationships between FLEXcon and the labeling customers it serves.

In his congratulations to the winners, Mike Fairley, Label Industry Global Awards Judging Panel Chairman, said: "The Label Industry Global Awards are the ultimate appraisal for industry individuals and companies for their outstanding contribution to the label industry's growth and development. The quality of entries we have seen continues at the highest level and makes an ongoing challenge for the judges. Each winner has made a significant contribution to the industry advancement, and I would like to congratulate them all on their awards."

The Label Industry Global Awards take place at Labelexpo Americas and Labelexpo Europe. The next Awards will take place in Brussels in September 2009.

Innovation and creativity at Labelexpo



Labelexpo Americas 2008, the largest event for the label, web printing, product decoration and converting industry in the Americas, took place in Chicago September 9th - 11th.

Despite the current unstable economic situation, Labelexpo Americas proved the label industry is still a resilient and innovative sector.

The show demonstrated an excellent quality of attendees, with numbers exceeding 12,000. By the end of the show over 80% of the exhibition space had already been rebooked for Labelexpo Americas 2010.

The show saw 420 national and international suppliers bringing their latest developments in technology and materials to demonstrate to the North American market.

There were many presses launched by the market leaders: Nilpeter introduced its new FG-line of UV flexo presses; Mark Andy unveiled the Comco C1 ProGlide and demonstrated its updated XP5000 shaftless press. EFI Jetrion showcased its 4000 UV-inkjet printer; HP Indigo debuted to the North American market its ws6000 digital-offset press; Xeikon for the first time in the Americas demonstrated its new digital label press, the 3300; Epson's new digital label press was on display showing its integration with the EskoArtwork and Kodak pre-press software/hardware and the Grafisk Maskinfabrik DC330 converter.

For suppliers the show was not only a great launch pad, but also the most effective medium to make sales and set up new partnerships.

Sales orders kept coming in, and the suppliers witnessed a lot of purchasing power coming from Latin America and Eastern Europe. Nilpeter sold 29 presses at the show, five of which were sold in the first three hours of the show!

Among the most popular areas of the show were the newly introduced feature areas - the Digital Printing Experience and Gather on the Green.

The Digital Printing Experience pavilion, located in Hall F, gathered the leading suppliers in digital printing technology - HP, Xeikon, EFI Jetrion, Epson, Impika, Degrava, Sun Chemical, Xaar, Konika Minolta to name a few.

The pavilion had more digital printing technology than ever showcased at any Labelexpo event or any other converting event before. Attendees were offered the best pick of digital presses, as well as digital pre-press software, platemaking and and post-press finishing, with live demonstrations running continuously.

In addition, the pavilion had a series of seminars and panel discussions, which focused on the present and future of digital printing and its role in the development of the label industry worldwide.

The pavilion enjoyed good visitor traffic during all hours of the show giving suppliers plenty opportunities to demonstrate their groundbreaking technologies and discuss in detail their products' offering.

Sustainability was an important theme of many conference sessions and also during various presentations at suppliers' booths. The conference program was organized in partnership with the TLMI.

Avery Dennison, UPM Raflatac, MACtac, among many, showcased their latest environmentally-friendly products. The new feature area, Gather on the Green, received a lot of attention as converters were eager to see the wide selection of products created with the use of sustainable technology.

The conference sessions that ran for the duration of the show provided visitors with a good opportunity to hear the latest industry news and developments from the high calibre speakers.

Highlights of the conference program included several international panel sessions that focused on the subjects of most interest and concern to the label community: the current market situation, the industry's future growth, digital printing technologies, sustainable technology and end-user requirements, advancements in flexo presses and many others.

The conferences started with a keynote presentation by Dean Scarborough, President and CEO of Avery Dennison, who, as always, delivered a most engaging and stimulating speech. Mr. Scarborough discussed the challenges and opportunities in the North American market.

Expressing his view on the success of the show, Roger Pellow, Labelexpo Managing Director, said:

"We are very pleased with the event results. The American economy is going through an uneasy period, and many industries are suffering as a result. Despite this, Labelexpo Americas attracted high quality of visitors who were willing to invest in new technologies and keep their businesses developing.

I was very pleased to see many sales orders put through at the show, which once again demonstrated that Labelexpo Americas is the number one event for the American label industry. We had an excellent attendance from Latin America, and the quality of attendees was very high. The launch of our new Digital Printing Experience Pavilion was a great success.

Converters had a unique opportunity to see the latest and most innovative developments in digital printing technologies, and the suppliers were overwhelmed with inquiries and requests. The show unveiled a lot of new innovative technology, and I very much look forward to seeing the industry advance and continue to thrive in the future."

www.labelexpo.com

Arpeco appoints ITC in China

Arpeco®, a Precision Automation® Company, has appointed the ITC Group as exclusive distributor of Arpeco products in The Peoples Republic of China, Hong Kong and Macao.

“With head offices located in Guangzhou and satellite offices throughout the rest of the country, the ITC Group is well suited to handle the needs of the ever growing label and package printing industry in China” said Arpeco Sales and Marketing Manager, Brian Ivens.

“Chinese printers are already very sophisticated and are looking for quality control and finishing equipment which suits the upcoming market requirements. The Arpeco Tracker, Premier and Platform models suit those requirements very well” said ITC president, Dr. Stanley Yuen. “We are very pleased to be working with Arpeco, a company that has been a pioneer in the industry and has developed such a good reputation over the last 40 years.”

The ITC Group will provide spare parts and technical support from their Guangzhou facility and knowledgeable representatives, located through the country, are already trained to assist with new inspection and finishing machine requirements.

www.arpeco.com

Nilpeter's JV in India

Nilpeter is to manufacture flexo presses in India in a joint venture project with its current sales and service partner Proteck Machinery. The joint venture, named Nilpeter India, will manufacture flexo servo presses with a similar specification to the Nilpeter FB-line machine, with auxiliaries such as rotary screen and cold foil and hot foil stamping.

Nilpeter plans to have the first Indian-built press on its stand at the India Label Show in New Delhi this December.

Proteck is a manufacturing and distribution company headquartered in Chennai. As well as offering sales and technical support services for Nilpeter in India, the company acts as agent and parts manufacturer for a number of other press and equipment manufacturers, including Mitsubishi.

Commenting on the decision to start manufacturing in India, Peter Eriksen, executive assistant at Nilpeter, said, 'We believe the potential of the Indian market is huge. Nilpeter is at full capacity in both our US and Danish manufacturing sites, and the Indian market will require a high number of label presses in the near future. This calls for producing in a new location with the required capacity, and why not locally, when this in addition brings us closer to our customers, which we consider very important.'

The Indian-built presses are targeted for sale to Indian label converters, but in the longer term Nilpeter will consider exporting to other Asian markets. The company is said to be building the Indian manufacturing operation on the example of Nilpeter's Brazilian manufacturing joint-venture taking the best experience in the operational and management structures from the latter plant.

The joint venture manufacturing announcement follows the first Indian installation of a Nilpeter FB3300 Servo press at Adjanta Packaging Daman plant. The 8-color UV flexo press incorporates cold foil, hot foil and delam/relam.

In addition to Nilpeter's unveiling their first Indian-built press, the India Label Show will have over 15 working presses from international and local suppliers. This will ensure that the show is set to be the largest label and narrow web show in India to display working machinery and offer live technology demonstrations to visitors.

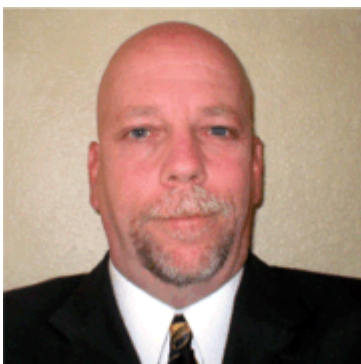
www.nilpeter.com

Stork Cellramic announces Richardson

Stork Cellramic of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is pleased to announce the appointment of John Richardson as a Regional Sales Manager for Anilox sales.

Richardson has worked for over 25 years in

various operational and sales positions for different companies in the Flexographic printing industry. His job experience includes employment with Sun Chemical as a Digital Graphics Manager and with Anderson & Vreeland as Corporate Prepress Sales Manager.



His education and training includes coursework at Clemson University and California Polytechnic State University on aspects of 4-Color Process, Press Management, Flexographic printing, and other printing techniques and methods.

Stork Cellramic General Manager Daniel Ruiters said, "John has a great reputation in the printing industry as well as broad and deep experience in the issues and processes that are important to our customers. He's someone who will identify with and relate to the people he's serving and who can also be counted on to provide solid advice and recommendations on the technical details. I know that our customers will find him a knowledgeable and reliable source of support for their businesses."

Richardson will be responsible for a regional territory that includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan in the U.S., and Ontario and Quebec in Canada.

www.stork.com

UPM Raflatac release new face material

UPM Raflatac announces the release of a new face material to the Americas market – Polyjetlaser Matte Transparent. This versatile filmstock supports a wide array of multipurpose laser and ink-jet printing applications. Polyjetlaser Matte Transparent's lay-flat performance ensures trouble-free printing and converting and guarantees photo-quality printing that lends a premium look to finished labels.

Comprised of a special matte coated, transparent PET film; RP37, UPM Raflatac's water-based

emulsion adhesive for films; and a 56-pound white kraft liner, the company's Polyjetlaser Matte Transparent product delivers exceptional quality and performance for labelstock converters' variable information printing needs. Of equal importance, the product's all in one qualities enable retailers to stock a single product for laser and ink-jet printing, freeing up valuable shelf space for other products.



"Polyjetlaser Matte Transparent allows us to combine the properties of two of our most popular variable information film face materials," says Marko Tiainen, Product Manager, VIP Labeling. "With its high-resolution, photo-quality ink-jet and laser printing properties coupled with superior lay-flat performance, our Polyjetlaser Matte Transparent product gives label converters and retailers the opportunity to offer their customers an all in one alternative."

www.upmraflatac.com

Senior Firmware Engineer

SATO America, a pioneer in the Automatic Identification and Data Collection (AIDC) industry and a leader in barcode printing, labeling, and EPC/RFID solutions, today announced the appointment of Dennis Garis as Senior Firmware Engineer. Reporting to Peter Fullerton, Director of Product and Applications Development, Mr. Garis will be responsible for firmware design and support for printer modifications and enhancements.

Prior to joining SATO America, Mr. Garis spent over 24 years with AMT Datasouth Corp. in a similar position.

"Obviously, Dennis has extensive experience and expertise in firmware design and SATO America is very fortunate to welcome him to the SATO team," said Robert Linse, President of SATO America.

Mr. Garis is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY, where he received a Bachelor of Technology degree in 1981. He will be located at SATO America's corporate headquarters.

www.satoamerica.com

New microscope introduced

HarperScientific™, the printing and coating supplies division of global anilox supplier Harper Corporation of America, is pleased to introduce the Handheld TRM-C Series 400x Microscope.

"With this new, handheld, lighted microscope, our customers can keep a close eye on the condition of their anilox inventories, and find problems like wear, damage and plugging before they threaten print quality and shorten the lives of anilox rolls and sleeves," said Jim Harper, vice president of HarperScientific™.

Just 1.10 lbs and 7.5 inches tall, this tool, which is small enough for handheld field use, offers 400x optical magnification, a .0465mm field of view and a white LED lamp with a life of more than 100,000 hours. It features a windowed positioning adapter that allows perfect positioning over the anilox, and the focus is easily adjusted by rotating the eyepiece.



HarperScientific is the manufacturer of CeramClean II™ and CeramClean SOLV-IT™ anilox cleaners, a wide variety of flexographic and gravure hand-proofing systems, and SleeveWrak™ anilox roll racks.

www.harperimage.com

Distribution agreement

MacDermid Printing Solutions announced today that effective October 1, 2008 JV Imaging Solutions, Inc. will distribute MacDermid's photopolymer plate products and equipment in the United States.

MacDermid offers the industry's broadest range of photopolymer technologies including both liquid and sheet photopolymers. MacDermid's full range of products encompasses both analog and digital plate imaging technologies as well as solvent and thermal plate development processes.

"MacDermid strives to offer its customers a choice – a choice in plate technology as well as a choice as to where to buy their plates. JV Imaging provides our customers with an experienced, dedicated and well regarded field organization that is 100 percent focused on flexography, which makes JV Imaging a perfect choice for a partner," said Scot Benson, Vice-President of Sales and Marketing at MacDermid. He went on to say, "It has never been easier to buy MacDermid products".

"We have built our reputation upon seeking out the industry's best technologies. We chose to distribute MacDermid's products because of the superior quality of their new products and their rising position in the marketplace," said Jim Vertullo, President of JV Imaging Solutions, Inc.

MacDermid Printing Solutions has launched four new plate products in 2008, with plans to launch two more before the end of the year. MacDermid's new MGC and Digital MGC address the printing needs of the corrugated marketplace and MAX and Digital MAX are hard durometer plates well-suited to the flexible packaging market.

www.macdermid.com

Unified workflow solutions

By connecting the print workflow system with the business management system, print service providers are able to increase their production efficiency while reducing errors and waste. Kodak makes this process easy, offering connectivity between its KODAK Unified Workflow Solutions

and 28 leading MIS suppliers. Kodak also offers 124 individual JDF interfaces and support for 56 vendors.

"We are committed to expanding and enhancing our support for JDF throughout the Unified Workflow, providing a flexible and powerful set of solutions that enable our customers to maximize productivity and efficiency through integration," said Judi Hess, General Manager, Enterprise Solutions, Kodak's Graphic Communications Group, and Vice President, Eastman Kodak Company.

True workflow integration is the goal of all print service providers, and being able to bridge each of the components is critical. For example, Kodak's JDF MIS to Prepress certification specifies the information to be exchanged between an MIS and a workflow system, including the way to describe the information and the method of communication. This means that two certified systems—even from different vendors—will have a level of interoperability when installed, allowing for job creation, specification of impositions and tracking of materials.

Full connectivity is standard with all KODAK Unified Workflow Solutions, and Kodak remains committed to the CIP4 organization's vision of computer based integration of all graphic arts processes. More than 20 third party vendors were using Kodak equipment at drupa, and Kodak will again demonstrate this interoperability at Graph Expo in October.

"We have a very clear strategy when it comes to workflow interoperability, and it's centered around open standards and working through the CIP4 organization to ensure we have certified products," explained Nick Benkovich, Product Manager, Enterprise Solutions, Kodak's Graphic Communications Group.

"Today we have connectivity with 56 industry vendors. At the end of the day, that means our customers have more options and better integration when it comes to connecting third party systems to Kodak workflow."

www.kodak.com

Green alternatives

Recognizing that consumer consciousness about environmental issues is at all-time high, many companies have been rebranding their existing products as green. UPM Raflatac has gone one step further and is pleased to announce the release of an entirely new product portfolio: RafEco™.

The RafEco™ product range includes 23 products that are each constructed with a variety of certified face papers, post-consumer waste face papers, biodegradable films, recycling compatible adhesives, repulpable liners and recyclable liners. In the future, the company plans to use customer feedback to guide the product development process.

"We've been taking the environment seriously for decades," says Linnea Keen, Marketing Director, UPM Raflatac. "Therefore, it's in our nature to help customers act more sustainably. Our new RafEco™ products are designed specifically to give our customers green alternatives that will help them grow their business and build brand while remaining environmentally conscious."

www.upmraflatac.com

Western Regional Sales Manager

The appointment of Douglas Nelson as Western Regional Sales Manager for Anderson & Vreeland, Inc., has been announced by Darin Lyon, Vice President of Sales for Anderson & Vreeland, Inc., a leading manufacturer and distributor of flexographic printing materials and equipment.



In his new position, Nelson will supervise sales and technical service for Anderson & Vreeland's customers throughout an 11-state region covering the western United States. He is a graduate of Pima College and also attended Arizona State University. Nelson brings to his new position 28

years of flexographic experience and is very active in the Flexographic Technical Association, serving as Membership Chairman, on the Board of Trustees and as a past Awards Chairman.

Nelson and his wife, Lori, have two children and reside in El Dorado Hills, California.

www.andersonvreeland.com

DuPont Nonwovens launch

DuPont Nonwovens today announced the introduction of DuPont™ Laser HTP, a laser printable synthetic that is particularly suitable for printing applications, including tags and labels which need to withstand punishing conditions such as high temperatures or harsh weather. In addition, DuPont™ Laser HTP delivers a distinctive combination of features and benefits including outstanding strength, durability and printability.



DuPont™ Laser HTP is an attractive option for outdoor applications such as nursery tags, which remain on plant from nursery to retail, because of its strength, durability and resistance to abrasion, tears and punctures.

“DuPont™ Laser HTP is an especially attractive option for outdoor applications such as lumber or brick tags and labels because of its strength and resistance to abrasion, tears and punctures,” said Carolyn Burns, global marketing manager – DuPont Graphics. “It can withstand harsh outdoor conditions including water and strong sunlight, helping tags and labels to retain their original integrity.”

DuPont™ Laser HTP surpasses many other synthetic materials on laser printing equipment due to its high-temperature stability. In addition,

DuPont™ Laser HTP performs well on a variety of printers and presses, both digital and traditional, including flexography, offset and Indigo. The readability of the laser-printed bar codes on DuPont™ Laser HTP was recently confirmed by the Rochester Institute of Technology Printing Applications Laboratory, a lab offering a wide range of evaluation services and certification programs.

In comparison with alternative laser printable synthetics, DuPont™ Laser HTP is exceptionally strong, with the ability to retain its integrity in harsh outdoor conditions. In a test measuring the impact of the equivalent of six months of UV exposure in the Arizona desert, DuPont™ Laser HTP retained 85-90 percent of its tensile strength. In Elmendorf Tear testing, DuPont™ Laser HTP was proven to offer improved tear resistance and low propagation when compared to competitive alternatives such as 7 mil reinforced coated paper and 5 mil polyester film.

Unlike other synthetic substrates, DuPont™ Laser HTP has a flexible, textile-like, polyester-based structure that is conformable to rounded surfaces yet resists tearing – excellent qualities for drum labels and wristbands. The textile-like characteristics add to the comfort of the wristbands plus, DuPont™ Laser HTP has low elongation, which enables good print registration. DuPont™ Laser HTP is also easy to convert; its unique structure enables it to be cut, perforated, punched and sewn without special equipment.

Beyond tags and labels, additional potential applications for DuPont™ Laser HTP include durable documents such as ID cards and maps as well as ski lift tickets and race numbers for use in sports and entertainment.

www.graphics.dupont.com

Anilox sleeve care seminar

Recently, Harper GraphicSolutions™, the technical service arm of global anilox supplier Harper Corporation of America, hosted an engaging educational seminar about anilox sleeve care for Harper customers, flexo suppliers and OEMs. More than 50 guests gathered for the presentations at the Harper National Flexographic

Center on the Harper Campus of Central Piedmont Community College.

With their typical relaxed and witty repartee, the technical service professionals of Harper Corporation of America presented a full day of insight and experience, including extensive information about:

- Anilox Sleeve Construction
- Sleeves vs. Rolls – Operational Differences
- Anilox Sleeve Care & Storage
- Ordering Specifications and Inspection & Repair Services



Paul Teachout, Harper GraphicSolutions Southeast Technical Graphics Advisor; Alan Rogers, Harper Southeast Technical Account Manager; and Tony Donato, Harper Product and Process Development Engineer, all shared anecdotes about their field experiences with anilox sleeve damage and maintenance. With photos included in their presentations, the experts discussed the importance of proper handling, storage and cleaning, including specs for soda blasting and the proper settings for the FlexoWash, the importance of neutralizing after chemical cleaning, and the damage that can befall sleeves that are not cleaned and dried thoroughly. According to Donato, "Slide the sleeve off of the mandrel regularly to clean underneath on those long-mounted colors like white — when ink gets between the sleeve and the mandrel, the ink becomes like glue!"

The symposium finished with a tour of Harper Corporation's nearby manufacturing facility, where participants observed anilox sleeves being inspected and engraved; saw an echotopography demonstration of volume measurement; and

embarked on a Harper GraphicSolutions lab tour to see a HarperScientific Sleeve Wrak in action, observe audits and doctor blade analysis, and participate in a Q and A session.

At day's end, participants completed evaluations: The results indicate that the seminar was a great success, and the group appreciated the opportunity to attend. The vast majority rated the presenters, the programs and the usefulness of the information as "excellent," and without exception, the participants unanimously indicated that they would recommend this seminar to a colleague.

www.harperimage.com

Larger format version introduced

Hutchison Miller Sales, Inc., has introduced a larger format version of its highly popular Clarifoil Integuard tamper-evident film, which is now available in 6,500 foot rolls with an O.D. of up to 19". The acetate film is also certified compostable and conforms to DIN EN 13423:2000-12, ASTM D6400, Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI) and Japanese Greepla standards.

Clarifoil Integuard film was specifically developed to convert tamper evident labels and seals where enhanced product security is required. Those markets include foodstuffs, pharmaceuticals, electronics, hardware and software. The biodegradable cellulose diacetate film has a relatively high tensile strength compared to its tear strength. Consequently, it offers a unique combination of destructibility and convertibility that make it an ideal choice for converters and end users alike.

"Consumers, and consequently end users, are increasingly concerned about product security and brand protection," notes Paul Routier, Vice President of Hutchison Miller Sales, New Britain, PA. "This film allows them both to effectively meet the requirements of the marketplace."

Clarifoil Integuard film, when combined with specialty adhesives, deliver good bond strength and peel resistance. This ensures that the film tears rather than allowing the label to release intact from the substrate, greatly reducing the risk and consequences of tampering. Yet, while it maintains a high level of destructibility, it can still be processed normally on coating, slitting, print-

ing, diecutting and label application equipment.

Integuard is available both in gloss white, which provides the look of paper, and in transparent form for clear, "no label" look tamper evident seals and labels. The 2-mil film also has a relatively high and stable surface energy (38 to 42 dynes) that does not usually require corona treating, and delivers good wet-out and performance with conventional ink.

Applications of Integuard include carton closures for pharmaceuticals and foodstuffs; overlamination for security passes, ID cards and passports; indoor anti-vandal warning, information and direction signs, and more.

The optically bright, temperature-sensitive film is sourced from renewable and sustainable forestry in North America. Consequently, the biodegradable film meets ASTM D6400 specifications for compostable plastics and actually is classified as a paper and board in the UK due to its cellulosic origin.

"This is a truly versatile product with wide ranging applications across the converting spectrum," Routier notes. "Now, with longer roll lengths and larger O.D., converters will find it makes their production process even more efficient."

www.hutchisonmiller.com

Two for Anderson & Vreeland

The appointment of David Broich and Wes Johnson as Technical Sales Representatives for Anderson & Vreeland, Inc., is announced by Darin Lyon, Vice President of Sales for Anderson & Vreeland, Inc., leading manufacturer and distributor of flexographic printing materials and equipment.



David Broich

Mr. Broich will provide technical sales and service support for A&V customers

throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. Formerly a Team Leader and Prepress Manager for Weyerhaeuser, Broich offers A&V customers substantial prepress and plate processing experience. He is a graduate of Gwinnett Technical College and has training in computer programming.



Wes Johnson

Mr. Johnson will provide technical sales and service support for A&V customers throughout North and South Carolina. He brings to his new position 27 years of production and research-and-development experience in the printing and packaging industry. Johnson, and his wife Kathy, reside in Fletcher, North Carolina.

www.andersonvreeland.com

C1 ProGlide debuts

Mark Andy Inc., a world leader in narrow and mid-web printing equipment announces the newest addition to its line of innovative Comco equipment, C1 ProGlide. This smart mid-web solution promises complete flexibility and configurability, high productivity, thin film capability, and is the ideal press to take converters into new and expanding packaging markets.

Able to accommodate material from 0.5 mil film to 24 pt board and completely modular, C1 ProGlide is configurable for a wide variety of applications including high-end labels, flexible packaging and folding cartons. Interchangeable screen and hot foil cassettes give the converter the flexibility of value-add graphics at any station in the press and proven gravure process integration provides an economic method for applying heavy coat weights and metallic inks. Additional flexibility is provided by independently controlled pacing profile at each print station, allowing the converter the opportunity to match the exact specifications for the required application.



With enhanced drying and curing systems able to support production speeds of up to 750 fpm (230 m/min) and available in widths up to 26 in (660 mm), C1 ProGlide is an extremely productive press for any printing or converting requirement. Advanced closed loop auto registration and tension systems

ensure tight process control at high speeds, resulting in increased productivity.

As thin film capability becomes even more critical in a growing number of applications, C1 ProGlide offers unique servo drive implementation providing more stable web tension and significant registration performance, even on the thinnest films. The unique chill roll design allows for a higher concentration of heat or UV curing eliminating temperature-related substrate distortion or web transport issues.

"Comco presses have consistently proven to be innovative, productive solutions for our customers," states Jeff Feltz, director of product management, Mark Andy Inc. "C1 ProGlide is no different. We look forward to working with users on new, innovative applications to help drive their business forward."

Armed with patented I-Drive™ technology and able to handle such applications as electrical printed circuits, lottery and gaming coupons and faux credit cards, Comco C1 ProGlide is advanced technology for advancing markets.

To see the Comco C1 ProGlide live, visit Mark Andy Inc. in booth 9539 at the CPP Expo 2008 to be held 9-13 November at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

www.markandy.com

Authorized reseller announced

JV Imaging Solutions, an experienced distributor of flexographic equipment, has signed on with Kodak's Graphic Communications Group as a US&C Authorized Reseller of the integrated KODAK FLEXCEL NX Digital Flexographic System.

On Oct. 1, 2008, JV Imaging will add the FLEXCEL NX System to its portfolio of Kodak packaging solutions, which includes the KODAK THERMOFLEX Platesetter line, KODAK PRINERGY POWERPACK Workflow System, KODAK INSITE Prepress Portal System Products, KODAK APPROVAL Digital Color Imaging System and KODAK MATCHPRINT Inkjet Proofing System. The company will supply the east coast of the US&C from its offices in Marietta, Ga., and Northborough, Mass.

"The FLEXCEL NX System allows us to expand and improve our product offering. We're a technology driven company and it's in our interest to seek out the technologies that will allow our customers to improve their businesses," said Jim Vertullo, President, JV Imaging Solutions. "The FLEXCEL NX System is an outstanding technology that brings a new level of innovation to the market."

Winner of the 2008 PIA/GATF InterTech Technology Award and the Flexographic Pre-Press Platemakers Association (FPPA) Technology Innovator of the Year Award, the KODAK FLEXCEL NX Digital Flexographic System provides previously unachievable offset class, gravure quality printing on a wide variety of substrates—including paper, flexible film, foil, paperboard and label stock. The FLEXCEL NX System helps ensure stability and repeatability, both in prepress and on press.

"We're excited to expand the opportunities for the FLEXCEL NX System by widening our market reach, and we look forward to marketing the product in conjunction with JV Imaging, a company that's been serving the flexographic industry for 15 years," said Patrick DeRose, Segment Sales Director, Newspaper and Packaging, Kodak's Graphic Communications Group.

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