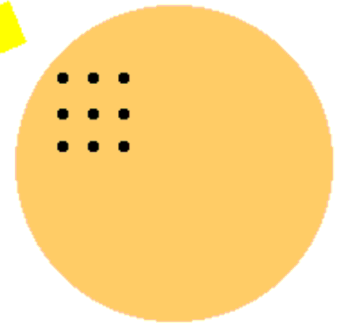


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Dear readers,

To start something new is a hard task every time especially if there is no secure financial background.

Still the LFP-Newsletter.com is a not sponsored publication, will say, we are doing it just for you.

But the remuneration we got over the last few weeks was your positive feedback and a lot of new subscriptions.

Myself and the entire team aims to continue and provide value and in time information to you.

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Please keep in mind, the LFP-Newsletter.com is not a kind of advertising, it's the way of direct communication with users and high value people all over the world.

For direct contacts – face to face – we all hope to see you at the VISCOM show, where we will organize some very interesting presentations. Please see further information at the end of this newsletter.

Have a nice summer time and don't forget to use the LFP-Newsletter as your communication forum.

Sincerely

Wolfgang Hey

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Japanese Industrial Standard for flame retardance achieved for 3P-Inktextile products

Planning to exhibit on a fair? Fine, but before having a successful presentation you have to observe prescriptions of fire-prevention. Therefore only fire retardant fabrics (fr) can be used for public functions. No problem: use 3P's fire retardant textiles for inkjet printers. All fireproof 3P textiles are B1 certified, that is the demanding German Industrial Standard for fire retardant media. Using 3P textiles no special inks or textile printers are required: Just change the media! Load the printer (e.g. HP or Encad) with 3P textiles instead of paper. Post-treatment unnecessary. All B1 fabrics are high quality products offering excellent colour and photo reproduction. Various fr/B1 rayon stable and polyester versions are available (DIN 4102 B1 certification), which can be printed with dye-based and pigmented inks. B1-Polyester is ideal for banners, decoration textiles, curtains and so on. Besides it's very tearproof. There are three different versions of pure cotton available (matt, twill, net) but also fine glossy rayon-cotton mixtures. All B1 cotton fabrics are above all suitable for all kinds of presentation applications, like fairs, exhibitions or settings.

Print your own banners and flags: quick and very reasonable! Edit the motive by a computer and then print directly onto the 3P textile! That's it - now your indoor-banner is ready!

More: www.3p-inkjettextile.com

Canon Digital Creators Contest 2001' promotes digital-age creativity

Canon Inc. announced the launch of the "Canon Digital Creators Contest 2001," a competition aimed at encouraging next-generation creative artists to explore new directions in digital visual expression. Canon will be accepting competition entries from April 2 through September 5, 2001. With the arrival of the "digital age," personal computers, digital cameras, digital video camcorders and color printers have enjoyed rapidly increasing popularity, making it easier than ever for most anyone to express their creativity or communicate through still images, moving images or audio. This year's Canon Digital Creators Contest, comprising four division categories-Digital Photo (Print), Digital Graphics/Illustration (Print), Digital Movie, and Web-will accept entries from both design professionals and amateurs alike, with prize money totaling ¥16 million, including a ¥3 million Grand Prix awarded in each division. Other scheduled prizes include the Canon Award and other awards from participating sponsors for each division.

Unlike last year's competition, entries from overseas artists will be accepted for this year's contest. Entry guidelines and other information in English are available within the Canon Inc. website: <http://www.canon.com/cdcc/>

MacDermid ColorSpan announces Yuhan-Kimberly as OEM Partner

Minneapolis, MN - MacDermid ColorSpan, Inc., a leader in wide-format digital color printing, and Yuhan-Kimberly, Inc., a leading supplier of consumer goods in Korea and adjacent markets, have completed agreements by which ColorSpan will supply its DisplayMaker(r) Series XII and FabriJet printers, under private label, to Yuhan-Kimberly as the centerpiece of its complete digital textile printing solution.

The 12 color digital textile printing process will be marketed by Yuhan-Kimberly under brand names ColorMatcher 12R and ColorMaker 12F. The printers are capable of producing textile prints that match the colors and appearance of traditionally printed fabrics. Yuhan-Kimberly will carry its

complete solution to market through a combination of service bureaus and direct sales. The first "Super Service Center" staged its grand opening in Anyang, Korea, near Seoul, on March 27, 2001. More: www.colorsplan.com



MaestroSign™ the talk of GlobalShop 2001

Do you still think that price posters must be done by screen print or by hand? The team at Gyricon is celebrating the huge success of GlobalShop 2001. The introduction of MaestroSign™ Systems featuring SmartPaper™ technology was a big hit. The response from retailers and POP designers at the McCormick Place event in Chicago March 22-24 was outstanding.

Several major retail chains are in negotiations to be the first to utilize this groundbreaking technology in their stores. Come see for yourself what all the fuss is about, at the Retail Systems 2001 show at McCormick Place June 25-28.

More: www.gyriconmedia.com

Did you know that GBC offers laminators up to 80”?

GBC is offering a 80" (2m) floor standing laminator with multiple unwind positions for high productivity heat-activated laminating, encapsulating and mounting, as well as pressure sensitive cold mounting. Can also be used with pressure sensitive films like GBC Arctic films

- 85" (2.15m) roll face with high release surface
- Rewind for finished prints
- Rewind for finished prints
- Convenient foot pedal for hands free operation
- Pneumatic pressure setting

For further information have a look to the following internet page

More: www.gbc.com

Gretag has held their stock holders meeting



More than 500 shareholders, together representing 2.8 million shares, were briefed by Chairman of the Board William J. Recker and Finance Director Dr. Eduard Brunner in Regensdorf on the company's performance in the past year. All the proposals of the Board of Directors were approved by a large majority.

The CHF 35 m increase in the conditional capital and the CHF 10 m increase in the authorized capital, proposed in connection with the interim financing solution, were approved by a large majority. The Board of Directors will now issue bonus options to shareholders, probably during the summer, entitling them to subscribe to 500,000 registered shares, and will offer equity with a nominal value of CHF 10 m for subscription. A further CHF 10 m and CHF 20 m in conditional capital is reserved for the partial redemption and repayment of the financing that has been provided. With this the shareholders have made free the path forward based on a sustainable financial solution. Accordingly the final discussions about the detailed contracts will be closed soon.

Following approval of the annual report and annual accounts, the carry-forward of the loss to new account and the decision not to pay a dividend, the Board of Directors was granted discharge. As proposed, discharge was not granted to the former CEO, Peter D. Fitzgerald.

With "daughter companies" RasterGraphics and Onyx Graphics Gretag is one of the – maybe the - major player in the large format printing market.

More: www.gretag.com

Don't forget GMP when you decide to order a new finishing equipment

Visit GMP.com and find more about the product range GMP, one of the leading companies in the wide format finishing market is offering.

More: GMP.com

RasterGraphics offers new superwide printer

With the Arizona 1100-3, you can make superwide outdoor durable prints 24 hours a day, every day. This latest addition to the Arizona product line from Gretag, Professional Imaging Division produces 360 dpi, four-color output on substrates up to 111 inches / 2.82 meters wide. With a high-end print speed of up to 1100 square feet (102 square meters per hour), the Arizona 1100-3 superwide printer is the fastest inkjet printer in its class. It's ideal for flexible truckside graphics, oversized banners, billboards and more.

More: www.Rastergraphics.com

Onyx has officially released the final driver for the Printmaster

This driver is for the Printmaster printer (formerly known as the Perfecta). It requires PosterShop Pro or Professional Server 5.5 SP1. The release driver is available for download from our ftp site at the following address: <ftp://ftp.onyxgfx.com/p/rtl/v55/rtlfilemode3.prninst>.

This driver requires the addition of the „DR-RTLM3“ part number added to the key. The part number on the price list is „DR-RTLM3“ and has a list price of \$2,495.

This driver does not include any media profiles and does not drive the printer directly. The driver saves output to a file that is used by the printer's built-in server. Once added to PosterShop, this driver can be renamed to Perfecta or Printmaster, since it will work with either printer.

more: www.onyxgraphics.com and www.perfectaprint.com

IJTECHNOLOGIES offers new media

IJTechnologies now offers the Fourth Generation DuraGraphix™ Ink Jet Media. It provides a brilliant White Point, Outstanding Color Gamut, Sharp and Crisp Images and Excellent Ink Saturation. It's printable with Dye and Pigment Inks on Most Thermal and Piezo Printers. Finishing can be done very Easy either Hot, Cold and Liquid Lamination. The new DuraGraphix™ Outdoor Media will be available for shipment from facility in St. Louis, Missouri on May 21, 2001. Please call your IJ Technologies' distributor or IJ Customer Service at (800) 356-6962 for samples and further details.

More: www.ijtechnologies.com

Mutoh with a new look of their internet page.



Mutoh will be present at Degimedia as well as at VISCOM and CAD show which all will be held in Düsseldorf.

More: www.mutoh.com

Onyx Graphics offers new training manual

OnyxGraphics offers a new training manual which can be download from:

ftp://ftp.onyxgfx.com/p/Training_Manual_CD.zip

The download size: ~ 14,9 MB, a password is required and get be got from local distributor or dealer.

Onyx Graphics Tech Support Training Manual Complete contains both the Basic Training Manual as well as the Advanced Training Manual. It is best viewed with Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 which has been included in this zip-file. If you are unable to view the Training Manual, please run the rp500enu.exe file which will install Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0.

It should help all new users and those who have never had any basic training. The Advanced Training Manual even includes FAQ concerning ICC - Profiling!

More: www.onyxgraphics.com

PERFECTA PRINT offers new wide format printer market place

With the Printmaster you can print to almost any uncoated flexible media at up to a blistering 70 square metres an hour. And with a powered media feed you can produce at up to 2150mm wide at virtually unlimited media length.

The advanced Piezo printheads allow production at both 180 and 360 dpi with superb image quality provided through use of the extremely durable and vibrant UVijet inks and control by the award-winning Onyx Postershop RIP for the ultimate in streamlined production and colour consistency. Naturally the advanced UV inks allow for the production of fleet graphics, huge posters, billboards and banners which will retain their colour accuracy for many years.

With its low production costs and industrial rate production cycle, the PrintMaster brings to the large format print, screenprint, signmaking and packaging markets a truly viable 'on-demand' alternative to traditional screen printing.

Ever imagined producing durable, light-fast, weather-proof print onto uncoated paper and vinyl, banner, frontlite, backlite, stoplite, mesh, canvas, curtain side, fabrics, artboard, Foamex, Corex, foamboard, Lexan, polycarbonate, packaging, carpet, wood, sheet metal, glass, plastic, plus many more.

With the SheetMaster you can print both flexible and rigid media at up to 3100mm x 1600mm x 75mm thickness, at a rate of up to 100 square metres every single hour.

The advanced Piezo printheads allow production at both 180 and 360 dpi with superb image quality provided through use of the extremely durable and vibrant UVijet inks and control by the award-winning Onyx Postershop RIP for the ultimate in streamlined production and colour consistency.

More: www.perfectaprint.com

Roland Builds a Quality Future with ISO 9002 Certification

Roland DG Corporation recently announced that Roland DGA Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company, has achieved ISO 9002 certification for all distribution, service and repair facilities located in North and South America.

Combined with Roland DG's ISO 9001 certification in Japan, this means the company's international ISO registration is steadily ongoing. It demonstrates to Roland business partners and customers that, from manufacturing and delivering products to providing superior after-market service, Roland is a world-class company.

In February 1999, Roland DG Corporation earned the ISO 9001 certification for total quality control over product design and production of products at its headquarters in Japan. Shortly after, Roland DGA Corporation.

The ISO 9000 family of standards represents an international consensus on good management practices with the aim of ensuring that the organization can time and time again deliver the product or services that meet the client's quality requirements. The standards give organizations guidelines on what constitutes an effective quality management system, and models against which this system can be audited, assuring clients that it is operating effectively.

More: www.roland.com

XES now offers a 36" version of it's new ColorgrafX X2

XES recently introduced the 36" wide version of it's new 6 color high speed inkjet printer ColorgrafX X2. The print resolution can be either 408 dpi or 964 dpi.

More: www.xes.com

ENCAD® SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH SIR SPEEDY®

Encad Inc. announced that it has signed an agreement with Sir Speedy, Inc., to provide NovaJet® wide-format, color printers to Sir Speedy franchisees throughout the U.S. and Canada. Sir Speedy is one of the world's largest and most successful franchisors of printing, copying, and digital network services.

Under the terms of the agreement, Sir Speedy franchisees enjoy special pricing and support on the full line of ENCAD NovaJet wide-format printers as well as ink, media, and RIP technology. This agreement is expected to produce new revenue for franchisees that offer their customers outdoor

banners, indoor posters and signs, or photographic reproduction images. "The productivity features of ENCAD's NovaJet wide-format printers enable print providers to produce more signs and graphics per day," stated Terry Vandewarker, President & CEO, ENCAD, Inc. "This agreement also provides Sir Speedy franchisees with instant wide-format printer brand name recognition allowing them to expand their digital printing capabilities. It's a great example of two industry leaders working together to provide a solution to the consumer." Each franchisee will also receive a customized job calculator enabling them to immediately calculate project costs and completion times based on ink saturation.

"We are always looking for technology that has the potential to increase sales opportunities for Sir Speedy centers," said Dan Beck, President of Sir Speedy. "We hope that this agreement will enable our network of centers to broaden the number of solutions available to our customers."

More: www.encad.com

VUTEk's UltraVu 2360 SC - a definite pick for the Manchester United first team.....

These days it's not only the likes of Beckham, Scholes and Keane that grace the pitch of the world's biggest football club. Making its home debut at Old Trafford this season is a revolutionary new printing application that is assured of a place at every home game.

With the recent installation of the UK's first six-colour VUTEk UltraVu 2360 SC digital colour printer, a Slough based creative house has been provided with a new arm of expertise that offers an exciting new application to add to the company's expanding versatility.

Originally a photography business, O'Neill Modern Media Group has expanded rapidly in the past five years and has progressed from traditional film photographer to a full service digital focussed creative house. As one of the first photography companies in the UK to utilise digital photography, O'Neill has used the skill upon which the business was built to expand into digital design and New Media production for a host of major well known clients.

Having already been impressed with the outcome of the VUTEk trials, O'Neill decided to purchase the UltraVu 2360 SC.

More: www.vutek.com

HUNT Graphics introduced a new self adhesive film

With Print Mount Delta non flexible indoor signs as well as non flexible outdoor signs for short terms can be produced. It is very easy to handle.

more: www.sealbrands.com

Context offers new wide format scanner - CRYSTAL

Crystal is a 40" b/w scanner. It provides a new "bit-cleaning" opportunity called 2D-Adaptive. The scanner produces a 12 bit grey scale but only best 8 bits will be passed to the PC.

More: www.contex.com or www.kisters.de

ILFORD: more color to the print

Ilford just introduced a set of new inks to be used with the Encad NovaJet 850i. Medium-Magenta, Medium-Cyan, Light-Black, Medium-Black, Green and Orange complete the Archiva-Ink-Product line. A never known color gamut can be achieved now, smooth shades and brilliant colors, never again "peppering" will destroy the image quality.

More: www.ilford.com

Encad offers sample rolls free of charge

Users now can order sample rolls of new LumaTrans Backlit free of charge from their dealers. LumaTrans Backlit is a 2,2 mm thick opaque Backlit-Film for durable back lighted displays. Either 4- or 8- color ink sets of "Graphic Outdoor" (GO) can be used.

More: www.encad.com

Demo-Version of Jack the RIP now available

A demo version of Jack the RIP is now available at Macron. It provides ease of use tools and a very intuitive GUI. Further information direct from Macron or:

More: www.macron-ag.de

Open Forum at VisCom 2001

Beside the standard exhibition program VisCom this year offers again a lot of high value presentations all dedicated to the technology and offers around the large format printing business. Please have a look to the program at the mentioned address at the end of this message. Detailed information about speakers, etc. will be given with LFP-Newsletter.com release 4 next month.

Nevertheless, if you miss a theme or if you like to use this open forum for your own presentation, please send a mail with your offerings, application and/or question to Wolfgang.Hey@lfp-newsletter.com. Again, we will do our best to promote your business.

More: www.viscom-messe.de

NUR will introduce a new family of super wide printers at Screenprint 2001



Screenprint 2001 will see the first public showing in Europe of NUR

Macroprinters` latest wide format technology, the recently launched NUR Fresco 3200™ and the NUR Salsa Ultima™ 3200 wide format digital printers. The new NUR Fresco 3200 is a 3.2 metre wide digital printer for high volume production printing. The new NUR Fresco 3200 joins the NUR Fresco 1800 screenless digital production press in NUR Macroprinters` growing line of digital wide-format and superwide printing systems for out of home advertising and signage.

The most unique new feature of the NUR Fresco 3200 is its ability to print at high speed in widths up to 3.2 metres on virtually any substrate. The machine offers the flexibility to print on a wide variety of standard media including: PVC banner material, truckside tarpaulin, mesh, self-adhesive vinyl, blueback paper, canvas, cotton and more in roll-to-roll or roll-to-sheet modes. It can also print on NUR-branded substrates that are backed by NUR` s quality guarantee - up to two years outdoor durability without special coatings.

The NUR Salsa printers provide a selection of operating modes, each with their own quality and speed characteristics. In the NUR Salsa Ultima series the company has paid particular attention to both the quality and productivity of these printing modes. The Draft Mode of the original NUR Salsa models has been considerably enhanced in the Ultima series and the resulting output is sellable quality. In this mode the machines can print at speeds up to 60 square metres per hour. A new Enhanced mode gives customers a notch-up on image quality in a fast speed.

More: www.NUR.com

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