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Wake Forest, NC April 1, 2006: Edward A. "Trip" Casson III, CEO Southern Lithoplate announced today a strategic alliance initiative with the world's leader in computer to plate imaging, Dainippon Screen USA.

"Over the past several years, our customers have asked time and again for Southern Litho to endorse, if not actually sell, a total system solution. Now, in addition to Viper® 830 and Cobra® 830 CtP lithoplates, we have partnered with Dainippon Screen Japan and Screen USA to bring our small to mid market news customer a perfect solution for their conversion from analog to CtP.

Southern Litho will now market, price, and package the Screen PlateRite News 2000 platesetter as a stand alone device and/or in a bundled configuration with our proven Viper® 830 thermal lithoplates along with our other alliance partner's system components. The PlateRite News 2000 solution provides superior imaging print quality, rock solid production reliability, speed, and a total cost of ownership that frankly can't be beat.

Along with Screen's PlateRite 2000, Southern Litho will also be packaging Screen's TrueFlow News workflow software. This workflow solution includes auto renaming architecture, job folders, hot folders, status tracking, PDF repairs, plus a complete host of modular components that simplify the CtP prepress environment. This solution offers everything Southern Litho's loyal customers need to make the conversion to CtP and it's affordable too!

"Southern Litho was the partner of choice for this program from Dainippon Screen's perspective due to two core competencies; they have a passion for their customers, serving nearly 60% of the single width market; and, their entrepreneurial spirit helped us pinpoint exactly what the news market needs. We anticipate this energy and creativity will fuel our partnership for years to come resulting in faster devices, additional automation, and improved ROIs. Most importantly, Southern Litho's customers are the biggest beneficiaries with what will soon be recognized as the leading CtP Systems Solution in the North American Marketplace," stated Michael Fox, Sr. Vice President, Screen USA.