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Alliance Expands Commercial Printers' Access to Complete CtP Solutions

WAKE FOREST, N.C. — Southern Lithoplate, Inc. (SLP), a leading manufacturer of digital printing plates and associated solutions, and Screen USA, the industry-leading supplier of computer-to-plate (CtP) recorders, today announced a new business relationship to benefit commercial printing companies. This agreement enables SLP to provide and service Screen's offset CtP units directly to North American customers as a standalone system or as part of a bundled configuration.

“Screen-manufactured CtP systems are in use at the world's most successful printing companies,” noted Edward A. “Trip” Casson III, Chairman and CEO of SLP. “With the widest variety of output sizes and speeds in the market, these high-quality, reliable devices lay the foundation for outstanding print results. SLP has worked with Screen USA for over a decade, and this natural extension of our relationship demonstrates our companies' dedication to helping even more businesses run better, grow faster and print more profitably. Our collaboration will bring Screen's best-in-class CtP technology together with SLP's expertise in digital plate solutions to enhance customers' business performance.”

“We are pleased to expand our partnership with SLP in the Strategic Alliance for the commercial printing market,” said Mike Fox, Screen USA’s President. “Access to the latest technology is the lifeblood of any printing business. Screen and SLP are both committed to providing innovative solutions, so it is a natural fit. Together, we can help printing companies achieve their growth objectives.”

To bring total systems solutions to commercial printers, the SLP Strategic Alliance forms partnerships with key suppliers of equipment, software and consumables. In addition to Screen platesetters, it includes Esko’s automated workflow software products.

Introduced in 1995, the Screen PlateRite CtP series is today a de-facto standard in the printing industry. Screen continues to introduce products for its customers’ ever-changing needs, such as the recently launched PlateRite HD 8900 series, a high-output platesetter capable of imaging 67 eight-up plates an hour.

SLP digital plates for commercial printing applications provide advantages in dot reproduction, productivity and materials usage. The popular Cobra 830® negative-working plate delivers exceptional resolution and print fidelity. The new-generation Integra 830 P™ is a positive-working, no-prebake thermal printing plate for today’s quality-driven, cost-conscious pressrooms.

For more information about SLP’s Strategic Alliance and commercial printing solutions, contact (800) 638-7990 or visit www.slp.com or www.screenusa.com.

About Screen USA

Screen USA, a wholly owned subsidiary of Kyoto, Japan-based Dainippon Screen Manufacturing Co., Ltd., supplies systems and components for the graphic arts industry. Its diverse line of integrated products includes workflow management solutions, thermal platesetters and digital printing systems for a variety of applications, including print on demand, variable data, flexo/packaging solutions, industrial and sign/display printing. For more information, visit Screen USA’s website at www.screenusa.com.

About Southern Lithoplate, Inc. (SLP)

SLP (www.slp.com), headquartered in North Carolina, specializes in the manufacture, distribution and service of digital plates and associated products for targeted print markets. SLP enjoys a reputation for Quality, Value and Performance throughout the world. SLP and its *Strategic Alliance partners* provide customers with a full array of high-quality, value-driven solutions. SLP's service infrastructure is designed to exceed the needs of the company's customer markets. State-of-the-art manufacturing facilities are located in Jackson, TN, Grand Rapids, MI, and near the world-renowned Research Triangle Park in North Carolina.

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