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Purchase of Konica Plate Business Provides Marketplace Stability

Southern Lithoplate completed our acquisition of Konica Minolta Graphic Imaging's offset printing plate business October 1 as previously announced.

Purchasing the North American offset business and American Litho Inc. fit perfectly into Southern Lithoplate's long-range mission and commitment to be a best-in-class provider for our customer partners. We have gained a fantastic team of people in manufacturing, sales, technical services and administration at the plant in Grand Rapids, MI., along with a boost in commercial and newspaper plate capacity that will immediately expand our product offering, shorten customer lead times and improve overall customer service. Customer partners are guaranteed an uninterrupted supply of current- and future-generation violet, thermal and analog plates for newspaper and commercial printing.

"Southern Lithoplate is now best positioned in our long-term mission to be the premier and trusted supplier to the North American news and commercial print market," said Edward A. "Trip" Casson, Chairman and CEO. "We have a long history of providing quality products, service, support and stability. This acquisition will continue that tradition into the future. The Grand Rapids facility will complement our three manufacturing plants in North Carolina and Tennessee. Southern Lithoplate's preexisting nationwide network of Professional Inside and

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Outside Business Managers and Certified Field Technicians will serve our customers as the complete solutions provider for their growing plate needs.”

About Southern Lithoplate, Inc.

Southern Lithoplate Inc. (www.slp.com), headquartered in North Carolina, specialized in the manufacture, distribution, and service of analog and digital plates and associated products for targeted print markets. Southern Lithoplate enjoys a reputation for Quality, Value and Performance throughout the world. Southern Lithoplate provides customers with a full array of high quality, value priced products. Southern Lithoplate’s service infra structure is designed to exceed the needs of their customer markets. Our state-of-the art manufacturing facilities are located in Jackson Tennessee, and near the world renowned Research Triangle Park in North Carolina, USA.

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