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MGE, Esko, and Wandres Corporation launch the Belt Cleaning Accessory for the i-XL Series of Precision Cutting and Routing Systems

Provides for more flexibility to rapidly change between cutting and routing in response to production job needs

Lake Geneva, WI - September 2006 – MGE and Esko, the leaders in providing a joint cutting edge vision based combination cutting and routing based finishing systems for shaped graphics and short run packaging, announces the introduction of a **Belt Cleaning option** for the i-XL Series large format systems. This product was developed jointly with Wandres GmbH's U.S. Subsidiary, a specialist in the design and production of innovative micro-cleaning that includes compressed-air driven contact systems operating with linear brushes.

"At MGE we take pride in the versatility of our proven *i-cut*® Vision systems, and continuously strive to update our products with key workflow improvements that support our customers changing needs." says Steen B. Mikkelsen, President of MGE. "With the addition of automatic belt cleaning, we are saving customers' time by automating what previously was accomplished manually. We have removed one more obstacle to the efficient use of our most versatile systems to "quick change" from flexible material cutting to rigid material routing and vice versa, to meet the needs of the most demanding production schedule."

The larger sized Kongsberg *i-XL* table product line is a very efficient and versatile system for all kinds of large format projects. "Adding automatic belt cleaning capabilities adds to the extent of their capabilities and continues our efforts to make the MGE/Esko finishing systems the most versatile systems of their kind in the marketplace" states Tom Erik Naess, Esko Product Manager for Sample Making and SRP.

The Wandres cleaning equipment is based on the well proven and patented Ingromat™ micro-moistening system. The Sword Brush removes particles



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gently and reliably from even or vaulted surfaces. Due to its small dimensions, the Sword Brush has been integrated into the existing i-XL conveyor transport system under control of the *i-cut*® software to allow cleaning to take place only when the belt is moving. The Cleaner is available in different working widths and working heights. It may be integrated into existing production lines.

With this new level of productivity coupled with *i-cut*® Vision, the Kongsberg i-XL systems are perfectly suited for cutting rapidly changing screen or digitally printed materials with exceptional productivity and quality, along with low production costs.

About MGE, Inc.

MGE is the leader in digital cutting systems in North America, and the developer of the *i-cut*® Vision system and cutting edge workflow technology. Over 1,350 *i-cut* systems are installed worldwide. With patented non-linear compensation capability and patented *i-script*™ graphic workflow integration, with the worlds leading wide format RIP products, *i-cut* is the leader in standardized workflow regardless of the customers method of printing. MGE is headquartered in Lake Geneva, WI; 80 minutes north of the Chicago O'Hare airport.

About Esko-Graphics

Esko-Graphics, headquartered in Gent, Belgium is the world leader of packaging pre-production and post-production solutions and a global supplier of prepress systems for commercial printers. Key product lines include a range of workflow software modules covering the entire supply chain and integrating graphics, structure and project management; flexo Computer-to-Plate systems; cutting & creasing tables for short-run production and sample making in packaging and sign & display markets.



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About Wandres

Wandres GmbH micro-cleaning is located in Buchenbach-Wagensteig in the Black Forest in southern Germany. It was established in 1981, and established a U.S. Subsidiary in 1998. Wandres designs and produces cleaning systems for different industry sectors. The company has specialized in the gentle and effective removal of dust, fibers and micro-particles from product surfaces. Today, companies from the automobile and electronic industries, the glass and plastic industries and the furniture, paper and printing industries are among Wandres' customers.

For more information, please visit the MGE website at www.mge-us.com , Esko-Graphics at www.esko.com, or Wandres at www.wandres.com .

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