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MGE Launches Automated off-loading Capabilities for its iXL cutting and routing systems

Fast robotic off loading efficiently reduces labor needs to pick and place finished graphics products

Lake Geneva, WI - September 2006 – MGE, the leader in vision based workflow systems for digital finishing and short run packaging, announce a new level of performance through the automation of the “pick and place” process, (stack on pallets), here to fore, highly labor intensive.

“At MGE we take pride continuing to make workflow improvements that support our customers’ continuing needs for flexibility at lower and lower cost. The new i-cut® off-loader automates the final step in the digital finishing process, making the MGE Esko iXL digital finishing systems the most comprehensive products ever delivered,” says Steen B. Mikkelsen, President of MGE.

The new off-loader is based on state of the market robotic technology that uses the systems’ graphic position knowledge to pick up completed and finished graphics and to move them unharmed onto stacking tables to the side of the conveyor system. This allows the scrap to be collected at the end of the conveyor without the need for human intervention.

Always equipped with *i-cut*®, the MGE-Kongsberg model i-XL systems can now be as fully automated as a customer’s needs require. From the conveyor system that is fully integrated with the *i-cut* vision system, to the integrated roll, sheet and board feeding,



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to automatic glue capability for packaging, and now to off-loading, every facet of the finishing process can now be fully automated.

“Over the first 2 years of our cooperation, Kongsberg’s sample-making expertise coupled with MGE’s short run finishing expertise, has allowed us to fully automate the short run digital finishing process to provide the world’s most complete production system,” states Tom Erik Naess, Esko Product Manager for Sample making and SRP.

Please visit us at Booth 522 at the SGIA Expo and at GraphExpo Booth 5273, to see this productive new system in action.

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 1,000 *i-cut* systems installed worldwide. With patented non-linear compensation capability and our 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.

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