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LithoTechnics Releases Metrix 1.6

Sydney, Australia, July 28, 2005 - LithoTechnics Pty Limited (www.lithotechnics.com) today announced the release of Metrix® version 1.6, a free update for all Metrix users. Metrix, the first truly automatic layout calculator for commercial printers, was recently honored with the prestigious 2005 InterTech™ Technology Award from the Printing Industries of America/Graphic Arts Technical Foundation (PIA/GATF). Version 1.6 adds significant features to enhance user productivity and integration with prepress systems.

Metrix 1.6 addresses one of the most common production issues that occur at the last minute - when the artwork arrives. Artwork files for 4-page and 6-page products are sometimes supplied as reader spreads, a single page for each side of the product. In Metrix 1.6, such products can be planned as a 4-page or 6-page, but if the art arrives as reader spreads the user can simply set one property and Metrix will automatically tailor the Preps® template to suit. For such situations Metrix creates a single independent page and, where there is room, automatically places line marks around the product indicating the location of the folds.

"These days turn-around times are so tight that to be competitive commercial printers require all the assistance technology can offer," says Rohan Holt, LithoTechnics founder. "Any job that needs extra attention, for instance to reformat artwork files or to manually modify prepress templates, can seriously detriment overall production - especially when gang printing dozens or even hundreds of jobs every day. LithoTechnics is committed to continually enhancing Metrix with features that streamline such issues."

Other enhancements in 1.6 include popup menus which provide shortcuts to commonly used features, such as aligning products on the sheet.

Commenting about the new features, Richard Bowers of Indexx Inc., Greenville, South Carolina, says "Metrix 1.5 has allowed us to save time by creating the layouts once and passing the Preps template onto Prepress. The new updates in Metrix 1.6 will allow us to save even more time in Prepress."

About LithoTechnics

LithoTechnics is a privately held company founded in 2003 by Rohan Holt. Holt is the original inventor of SuperImpose™, the product that was adapted and renamed UpFront® when it was acquired by ScenicSoft in 1999. Metrix, LithoTechnics' flagship product, received the prestigious 2005 PIA/GATF InterTech™ Technology Award, recognized industry-wide as a symbol of technological innovation and excellence. Based south of Sydney, Australia, LithoTechnics is a software company focused on providing key tools and technologies to enable print workflow automation. LithoTechnics is a full member of the CIP4 Organization.

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