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LithoTechnics and Tharstern to demonstrate MIS-Job Layout JDF integration at IPEX

Sydney, Australia, March 31, 2006 – LithoTechnics Pty Limited and Tharstern Limited announced today that they will be cooperating via JDF link in live demonstrations at the upcoming IPEX trade show in Birmingham, UK.

Visitors to the Tharstern stand (#20-C45) will see the latest achievement in linking MIS with job planning using the Job Definition Format (JDF). TharsternSQL and LithoTechnics' Metrix will work together to streamline planning, estimating, and imposition. The capabilities of TharsternSQL to plan an entire publication and describe it in JDF will be combined with the ability of Metrix 2.0 to read and interpret the JDF and automatically calculate the complete layout for all signatures. Through this demonstration, the companies are proving in practice that JDF is a viable protocol for automation today.

Rohan Holt, founder of LithoTechnics, states "We are very pleased to be working with Tharstern on this link between MIS and job planning. Tharstern recognized early on the true value of JDF in realizing print production automation, and this demonstration is the continuation of that effort." Holt adds, "The beauty of JDF is that it enables the seamless linkage between various systems and applications – and this is one link that will bring tremendous value to our customers."

Keith McMurtrie, Managing Director of Tharstern, adds, "The JDF integration between TharsternSQL and Metrix 2.0 offers significant added value for our customers, who will be able to use Metrix to calculate and graphically review the signature layout based on the job information exported from Tharstern. It is an exciting development, and we are excited to be working with LithoTechnics to bring this solution to the print industry."

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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