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DUPLO ANNOUNCES PAN-EUROPEAN RICOH AGREEMENT AT IPEX

At IPEX 2010 Duplo International is announcing a pan-European partnership with Ricoh Europe that will expand Ricoh's range of complete digital print-to-finish systems currently offered to customers.

The terms of the agreement will see Duplo's extensive range of finishing products being available to Ricoh operational companies as a complete print to finish package. As well as supporting Ricoh's objective of promoting synergies through product integration, the agreement will broaden the company's market-reach by introducing Duplo's offering to new customers.

"Duplo supplies the widest range of digital print finishing equipment available today, making it the ideal partner to support Ricoh's growing production print portfolio," says Tony Lock, managing director for Duplo UK.

"The partnership will add value to the graphic arts industry as it will provide Ricoh customers with compatible digital print/finishing systems, which are capable of completing the print-production process from start to finish. This will help them increase their productivity through providing a more efficient and streamlined workflow process. It will also see two major providers to the printing industry working together to develop a more united supplier environment."

Mr Lock continues: "We are extremely proud to be associated with such a strong brand as Ricoh. As well as consolidating the supply chain, the partnership will allow us to respond to industry demand by providing integrated, modular print/finishing systems, which provide greater automation throughout the print-line."

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For the first time, at IPEX 2010, Duplo is supporting the Ricoh Europe stand with their DC-615Pro cutter/slitter/creaser which is being used throughout the show to finish marketing items such as brochures, flyers and corporate stationery live on the stand. Using SRA3 sheets with printed barcodes, the print work is taken from the Ricoh print engine placed into the DC-615Pro and finished without any manual set-up or interaction.

Miriam Halabicova, Product Marketing Manager, Ricoh Europe PLC, says:

“The set-up between our machines we had at IPEX summarises the benefits that Duplo can bring to our offering; print to finish in one single pass, without any manual intervention.”

“A key reason for partnering with Duplo is the fact that it is extremely well established across Europe with offices in the UK, Italy, France and Poland and has a widespread European distribution network, which ensures that Ricoh has the necessary support across Europe. Ricoh is also a well known market innovator and is especially focused on developing automated precision technology, which we see as extremely important. The future of the professional industry hinges on technology that increases our customer’s efficiency and productivity in order to develop new services to be able to maximise a return on investment. We see complete solutions to be instrumental in achieving this.”

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About Duplo International

Duplo International has provided innovative solutions to the print finishing industry for many years and today offers a comprehensive portfolio of finishing equipment across Europe, Africa and the Middle East through its extensive network of distributors and dealers and partners. Headquartered in the UK, Duplo International also has subsidiaries in France, Italy and Poland.

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At Duplo we have products to suit all types of printer. Whether litho or digital, short or long run, we have a complete range of profitable solutions which can help you add value to your business. Our comprehensive portfolio of finishing equipment includes the Duplo range of collators, bookletmakers, binding machines, digital finishing equipment and now also UV coating.

Our track record is second to none, with thousands of printers across the UK everyday realising the potential of their print with Duplo equipment, however this is only part of our offering, we place as much emphasis on our manufacturing excellence as we do our after-sales customer support and service back-up; as an 'Investor In People' and 'Top 500' company we train the best people to be even better.

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