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Jiachen to incorporate i-cut Vision Pro system in CNC router and plasma cutting systems

Lake Geneva, WI (USA), May XX, 2010 – i-cut, Inc., an EskoArtwork OEM business unit, announces it has signed an OEM agreement with Anhui Jiachen Intelligent Digital Control Science & Technology Co., Ltd. (www.jiachen.cn/), based in Hefei, China. Anhui Jiachen has licensed use of i-cut Vision Pro for its CNC router and plasma systems, used for the creation of advertising displays, logo plate making, packaging and printing, and other industrial products. The company has recently received ISO90001:2008 International Quality accreditation and European Union CE Approval. Products have been exported to more than 40 countries and areas all over the world.

Jiachen’s JD series of CNC routing machines features an advanced DSP digit-control system for simpler use and maintenance, and a unique intelligent control system that delivers high speed processing, synchronization of curves and straight lines, and smoother curves. They are compatible with a wide range of CAD/CAM systems. Jiachen’s DLZ-1325 Plasma CNC cutting machine is mainly used to cut metallic materials such as armor plate, aluminum and iron. The gear wheel and rack moving and rail moving systems guarantee exceptional working speeds and precision. The professional non-touching plasma head can cut a wide variety of metallic materials from 1-30mm thick. Like the engraving systems, the cutting machine has an advanced DSP digit-control system for simpler maintenance and operator use, and the spindle motor control system assures high processing speeds. The cutters are compatible with most popular CAD/CAM software.

Vision control is necessary with digital finishing systems because all printed materials contain size, rotation and scaling distortions that produce inaccurate digital die cutting, if not corrected. Using i-cut Vision Pro, print material specifications are taken from the work stream – including
cutting keys that supply operators with optimized tool settings and blade/bit recommendations – and are processed with preset cutting parameters. This makes the finishing set-up even easier and simplifies the tasks necessary for starting each unique job. Subsequently, set-up times are minimal – and in many cases, virtually eliminated.

Jiachen will be incorporating i-cut Vision Pro to offer more accurate and faster cutting and routing in its machines. With i-cut Vision Pro, jobs are completed faster and more accurately. A new registration algorithm delivers improved quality with placement registration. The tool offset algorithm handles close curves as one unit, while improvements have also led to smoother cuts. A new, advanced help system is available from all dialogs, with multimedia teaching videos, schematics, and animations.

"We are pleased that Jiachen has selected our i-cut Vision Pro systems for their routers and plasma systems, " remarks Steve Bennett, EskoArtwork Vice President, Sign & Display Business. "Jiachen is known for its engineering expertise, attention to world standards, and manufactures exceptional routing and cutting systems. We are delighted that i-cut Vision Pro systems will make their systems even more productive for their customers."

"The i-cut Vision Pro systems are very well-known for the accuracy and speed they can add to digital cutting systems," explains Daniel Armstrong, Jiachen Manager, Foreign Trade Department. "We look forward to implementing them into our systems."

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About Anhui Jiachen Intelligent Digital Control Science & Technology Co., Ltd.
(www.jiachen.cn/)
Anhui Jiachen Intelligent Digital Control Science & Technology Co., Ltd. is located in Yaohai Industrial Zone, Hefei, Anhui Province with engineering and research conducted at the Jiachen Science and Technology Parks. Jiachen specializes in CNC, light mechanical and electrical products R & D, production, and sales of high-tech projects.

The company’s management concept is ‘market-oriented, science and technology businesses, innovation-oriented, creating value for users.’ Its products are highly regarded by new and old users, alike.

Jiachen products—all designed, researched and developed by its science and technology R&D team, include CNC routers, CNC mechanical engraving machines, laser engraving machines, mold engraving and milling machines, cutting plotters and other varieties of CNC, light mechanical and electrical products. These products are widely used in advertising displays, logo plate making, mold processing, building sand tables, craft gifts, packaging & printing, garments, and other industries. The company has recently received ISO90001:2008 International Quality accreditation and European Union CE Approval. Products have been exported to more than 40 countries and areas all over the world. For more information, please visit http://www.jiachen.cn/.
About i-cut, inc. (www.icutvision.com)
i-cut, inc. is an independent business unit developed from EskoArtwork’s acquisition of Mikkelsen Graphics Engineering (MGE). The company has the longest track record providing the best possible workflow technology for specialty graphics printing and finishing. The industry’s leading vision-based finishing/cutting workflow tools, i-cut® and i-script®, were developed by i-cut, inc. Due to this extensive technology track record, more than 36 of the industry’s leading RIP, printer and cutter and router manufacturers team with i-cut’s software solutions. i-cut Inc. delivers on the benefits of digital finishing technology with its ‘design, RIP, print, finish, and deliver’ strategy.

About EskoArtwork (www.esko.com)
EskoArtwork is a global supplier and integrator of innovative solutions for packaging, commercial printing, sign and display finishing and professional publishing. Its products and services help customers raise productivity, reduce time-to-market, lower costs and expand business. EskoArtwork is the worldwide market leader with pre-production and collaboration software for packaging buyers, designers and manufacturers. The CDI flexo computer-to-plate imagers, Kongsberg short-run converting and signage finishing systems complete the portfolio for the packaging, label, signage and display industries.

The company also provides a range of workflow solutions for the commercial printing and publishing market, as well as the Enfocus suite of PDF tools for graphic designers and print production professionals.

EskoArtwork employs around 950 people worldwide. Its global sales and support organization covers Europe, the Americas, Asia Pacific and Japan, and is completed by a network of distribution partners in more than 40 countries.

EskoArtwork is headquartered in Gent, Belgium, and has R&D and manufacturing facilities in 5 European countries, the United States and in India. The consolidated full year financials ended for 2009 with revenue of EUR 145 million and an EBITDA of EUR 23 million.

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