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**ATHENA GRAPHICS strengthens cooperation with Glunz & Jensen as long-term Partner for Automated Platemaking Systems**

*Athena Graphics - Roeselare, Belgium, one of the most prestigious and dynamic prepress companies in Europe has chosen Glunz & Jensen as their long-term Partner for Automated Platemaking Systems. This decision was based on a partnership agreement signed with Glunz & Jensen in 2016 that covered the development and delivery of fully automated processing systems for flexographic printing plates used in Athena’s prepress operation.*

In order for Athena Graphics to find the best flexo plate production solution for their daily platemaking operation, they visited competitive repro houses in Europe. One of the repro houses was Digital Flex s.r.l. in Italy.

Digital Flex s.r.l. - Nuova Roveco Group - is one of the largest, high-quality repro houses in Italy, and it is the first company in Italy to install an “automated” Plate Processing System from Glunz & Jensen. The Athena Graphics team met with Paolo Cornali who walked them through their complete production set-up.

**Paolo Cornali, Director Flexo Printing at Digital Flexo s.r.l.**

“The key benefit to us is first of all the consistent high plate quality. Nothing is a coincidence; everything is programmed exactly to meet our desired quality level and leaves out any human error. What is more the unique elevator system moves the plates freely between all process steps. This simplified plate handling system and very sturdy mechanics means much less wear points and less service costs for us.”

*Athena Graphics signed an agreement
with Glunz & Jensen for the purchase of a FlexLine Pro 520,
to be installed in their production!*

**Stefaan Deblauwe, Operations Manager at Athena Graphics says:**

“We invited Glunz & Jensen to be our partner in the continuous development and supply of platemaking systems. The decision was based on the design and quality of their automated platemaking systems and the service the company delivers. We believe the new FlexLine Pro will add great value to our operation and to the quality of the jobs we deliver to our customers.”

**Peter Jensen, Vice President, Global Key Account & Marketing at Glunz & Jensen:**

We have developed a completely new approach to automated platemaking. Our goal with the FlexLine Pro is to make our customers rethink their prepress workflow and benefit by better quality and more flexibility in their workflow. The modularity in our system and the automated movement of the plate between the platemaking steps minimises manual handling and brings routine maintenance to a minimum. FlexLine Pro optimizes the overall flexo platemaking process and provides a more consistent plate quality.

**About Athena Graphics**

Athena Graphics is one of the most prestigious and dynamic prepress companies in Europe, with more than 100 employees and establishments in three countries: Belgium, France and The Netherlands. They deliver high-quality prepress, printing forms and online services to the entire packaging chain in order to reduce the time-to-market. They achieve this by investing in people and technology, leading every day to innovation, optimization and automation in the packaging supply chain.

Athena Graphics has received some of the highest recognition in business such as winning the EFTA Benelux Flexo awards, Flexostars France, Packinnove France and a 2nd place in the FlexoTech awards in London.

# About Digital Flex s.r.l. - Nuova Roveco Group

Today, Digital Flex s.r.l. can provide both the highest quality flexo pre-press and flexo printing plates with its state of the art software and platemaking technologies. Behind the company, there is more than 30 years of experience in making flexo printing forms and flexo prepress. The company´s competencies have been acknowledged by numerous domestic and international recognitions.

# About Glunz & Jensen

Glunz & Jensen is the world’s leading supplier of innovative, high-quality plate making solutions for the global prepress industry. In addition to developing and producing processors for the offset and flexo printing industry, we also offer after sales service. Our product portfolio also includes exposure units, dryers, light finishers, mounting tables, plate stackers and software for monitoring and controlling complete prepress processes.

Glunz & Jensen has been a recognized leader in prepress for more than 45 years. We have long-standing relations with major customers such as Agfa, Asahi, DuPont, Flint, Fujifilm, Heidelberg, Kodak and MacDermid, the world’s largest sup-pliers of printing solutions. Glunz & Jensen market our products through a comprehensive and worldwide network of distributors and dealers, and has 200 employees in our facilities in Denmark, Italy, Slovakia and USA.

Our goal is to be the most innovative hardware and services provider in our product areas, and thereby expanding our market share with global customers. At the same time, we will strengthen our earnings through optimization of prices, production, logistics and capacity utilization.