



## **MGI AND AXODE ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP**

*Axode vision systems to be integrated onto MGI's Meteor DP60 Pro digital presses; combined solutions will be displayed at PRINT 09*

**Melbourne, Fla (August 20, 2009)** - MGI Digital Graphic Technology, the multi-substrate (paper and plastic) digital press and finishing solution manufacturer, and **Axode**, a leader in providing vision systems for secure document production, have announced a strategic partnership agreement.

This agreement provides for MGI to integrate Axode vision systems on MGI's Meteor DP60 Pro<sup>®</sup> 4-color multi-substrate digital presses. The combined system is designed to ensure the integrity of secure variable data print jobs, and will maintain the Meteor DP60 Pro's high quality while guaranteeing zero content default. The Axode system can be used to accompany production of a variety of secure documents, including cards (pre-paid, membership, smart, ID, etc.), labels, stickers, and many other applications.

The most versatile digital press in the industry, the award-winning Meteor DP60 Pro can print on the widest range of paper and plastic substrates, including CS1/CS2, Bristol, bond, art/textured papers, envelopes, PVC, polycarbonate, Teslin, PET, polypropylene, vinyl/static cling, and certain specialized substrates such as magnetic material and canvas/buckram. It also has the widest cut sheet size range of any digital press, from 4 x 6" (100 x 150 mm) up to 13 x 47" (330 x 1194 mm) and in thicknesses from 20 lb bond up to 130 lb cover (70 to 350 gsm) and 100 up to 400 microns (4 to 16 mil). The Meteor DP60 Pro produces brilliant prints at 2400 DPI @ 200 LPI resolutions and has full variable data capabilities.

"Our partnership with Axode will allow MGI to provide our customers a proven method to ensure the integrity of their variable print jobs," said Michael Abergel, Executive Vice President for MGI USA. "Clients worldwide are using the Meteor DP60 Pro to produce a variety of secure applications such as government ID cards, pre-paid cards, RFID tracking labels and financial documents and the Axode system will ensure that their data is consistently valid and reliable."

"Today, it is necessary to secure processes of paper documents & plastic cards manufacturing and personalization in order to avoid variable data or print quality errors. Our partnership with MGI on their Meteor DP60 Pro digital presses will provide customers integrated camera control solutions combining both companies' technical know-how and experience", said Nicolas Vendryes, Axode President. "Indeed, solutions available on MGI's Meteor DP60 Pro will range from simple control of variable data (customer numbers, barcodes, 2D...) to full color data and image control on a wide range of applications including ID cards."

The combined solution will be on display in MGI's booth at PRINT 09 (**#4329**), the largest US trade show for graphic design, digital prepress, printing, publishing and converting technology, held September 11-16 in Chicago, Illinois. MGI will present a Meteor DP60 Pro equipped with the Axode vision system and will demonstrate "on-the-fly" integrity assurance and quality control for variable data print jobs. Axode will also show their entire range of innovative solutions at PRINT in booth # 8520.

### *About MGI Digital Graphic Technology*

Founded in 1982, MGI Digital Graphic Technology designs, manufactures and markets a full and innovative range of award-winning multi-substrate (paper and plastic) 4-color digital presses, as well as a complete line of versatile finishing solutions, including the multiple award-winning JETvarnish<sup>®</sup> digital inkjet spot UV coater.

A key player in the global market, MGI has a portfolio comprised of several thousand customers in a wide range of sectors, including graphic industry professionals, Fortune 1000 companies, government agencies, plastic card manufacturers, silk screeners and photo labs.

MGI is a leader in the professional graphic equipment market and is registered on the Euronext Paris Alternext stock exchange (ALMDG). They received the prestigious OSEO ANVAR "Innovative Company" Label in 2007 in recognition of their expertise and innovation in the graphic & finishing industry.

MGI USA, based in Melbourne, Florida, is MGI's fully owned subsidiary that services the North and South American, Caribbean and Asia/Pacific markets.

For more information, please visit MGI at <http://www.mgi-fr.com> / <http://www.mgiusa.com>

#### *About Axode*

Since its inception in 1991, Axode has become a world leader in developing innovative, efficient and dependable solutions for managing and monitoring the printing of complex documents that require infallible security: including plastic cards, bills, bank statements, cheque books, vehicle registration documents, tax forms, labels... Axode's tried and tested solutions rely on cutting-edge real-time technology to monitor the document-printing process using cameras. This has made Axode solutions those preferred by printers of variable data, as well as by manufacturers of printing and mailing systems. Today Axode provides its solutions and expertise across five continents.

For more information, please visit Axode on the Web at <http://www.axode.com>.

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