Esko and Amtech join forces to bring increased efficiencies to corrugated converters

The partnership between Esko and Amtech is further validation of Esko’s dedication to its Packaging Connected strategy, and enables additional automation for corrugated converters.

Ghent (Belgium), November 29, 2018 – Esko (www.esko.com), today announced it has entered into a strategic partnership with Amtech Software (www.amtechsoftware.com) to bring increased efficiencies to its joint customers in the corrugated market. The companies are developing an integration between Esko’s ArtiosCAD, Automation Engine, WebCenter QuickStart for Corrugated solution, and Amtech’s Encore ERP solution to create bi-directional communication that eliminates double data entry and enables further downstream automation of the workflow for corrugated converters.

In an increasingly competitive marketplace, with growing demand for smaller lot sizes and faster time to market, corrugated converters will be able to benefit from this integration to streamline business processes, saving time and money while increasing their competitive advantage.

“The goal of this partnership is to facilitate advanced automation for corrugated converters. We are pleased to be joining forces with this industry leader for the benefit of our joint customers,” explains Chris Miller, Vice President, North America & APAC at Esko. “This is yet another example of how Esko continues to develop its Packaging Connected strategy, furthering Esko’s vision to connect its packaging supply chain solutions with leading hardware and software solutions in the packaging supply chain.”

ArtiosCAD is the world’s most popular structural design software for packaging converters. With dedicated tools for packaging professionals working in structural design, product development, and virtual prototyping and manufacturing, ArtiosCAD increases productivity throughout the packaging operation. Automation Engine is Esko’s workflow server. It automates prepress tasks, which speeds up the process, but also reduces the error rate and the need for operator intervention. WebCenter QuickStart for Corrugated is a design workflow management solution for corrugated converters. Based on Esko’s WebCenter, WebCenter QuickStart for Corrugated comes preloaded with proven workflows that increase a converter’s capacity to handle a greater number of design requests with the same head count. With just 5 days to get it up and running, companies begin reaping the benefits of efficient project management immediately.
Amtech’s Encore ERP solution is cloud-enabled, mobile and tablet ready, and it features real-time tracking of production and delivery, helping corrugated converters manage their plants with algorithmic trend detectors while optimizing the performance of their people by enabling a mobile workforce. Combined, these solutions create an operational powerhouse for corrugated converters of all sizes.

“This is a true partnership between industry leaders who will bring a stronger offering to their mutual customers by integrating two state-of-the-art solutions,” said Cosmo Denicola, President and Owner of Amtech Software. “Our combined expertise is second to none and will deliver great cost and time savings for our joint customers. We are looking forward to working with Esko in this important development project.”

For more information about Esko’s solutions for the corrugated market, visit www.esko.com. To learn more about Amtech Encore, visit www.amtechsoftware.com.

About Amtech Software
Amtech Software is the leading provider of software and technology solutions for the packaging industry. Established in 1981, Amtech has been at the forefront of the industry, offering comprehensive all-in-one solutions, while assisting manufacturers in achieving operational excellence in key business areas. Amtech’s community is comprised of 600 plants and 60,000 daily users.
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Packaging Connected. Esko helps its customers to make the best packaging for billions of consumers. Esko solutions touch 9 out of 10 retail packages worldwide.

The Esko portfolio supports and manages the go to market process at brand owners and the production process at packaging suppliers - such as designers, premedia, printers and converters.

- Esko Software Platform: project management, artwork creation, structural design, prepress, 3D visualization, workflow automation, quality assurance, palletization, supply chain collaboration and approval
- Enfocus: PDF preflight and workflow automation software
- MediaBeacon: digital asset management (DAM)
- Blue Software: label and artwork management
- CDI: computer-to-plate solutions for flexo and letterpress plates
- Kongsberg: digital cutting tables for sample-making and short run production
- Professional services, training and consultancy

Esko employs about 1,800 people worldwide. Headquartered in Gent (Belgium), its direct and indirect sales and service organization is in daily contact with customers all over the globe.

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