

## Press Release

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### MUTOH EUROPE RELEASES TWO HOUSE RIP SOLUTIONS : "Grip" and "Grip+"

*Oostende, Belgium, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008* – Belgium-based wide-format inkjet printer and cutting plotter manufacturer Mutoh Europe nv announces availability of two "House RIP" solutions, called **Grip & Grip+**, as an addition to its existing range of Mutoh Edition RIP software. The new Grip and Grip+ solutions for PC and MAC users have been developed by Mutoh Europe in cooperation with the France based RIP developer Caldera Graphics. The new RIP software has been specifically tuned to Mutoh's entire wide format digital printer and sign cutting plotter portfolio.

#### Grip Software Information

Grip is an integrated desktop print solution that provides in an easy interface all that is needed to drive a Mutoh large format printer.

Grip has a fast preview to let the user check his file. Before printing, the user can swiftly crop, rotate, resize or enhance colours. Whether used for processing PostScript, PDF or raster files, Grip delivers high quality output with its powerful ICC compliant rip engine. To optimize production, Grip also includes a step and repeat function as well as automatic nesting to optimize media usage. Grip comes standard with a CostProof module that will allow the user to estimate printing costs.

#### Grip+ Software Information

Grip+ is a full featured production workflow solution for large format Print and Print-to-Cut, packed with intuitive and sophisticated features to get the best from a Mutoh printer.

Grip+ is entirely modular and scalable to meet future production needs. Next to the features of Grip, Grip+ also provides full drag & drop functionality, spot colour matching, real time output simulation, a layout tool, tiling and multi-printer spooling for time optimization.

For print-to-cut applications, Grip+ can detect and extract contour data intended for contour cutting and can generate reference bar codes on the print data. To complete the print & cut workflow, after completing the printing process, Grip+ can drive Mutoh's SC-PRO and Ultima cutting plotters to create full-colour stickers and signs.

## **Grip / Grip+ with workstation**

The Grip and Grip+ RIP software are both available as a stand-alone version (for MAC users) or in combination with a pre-configured Linux workstation.

Using the separate workstation, the user is ensured to have a stable platform in his digital print workflow that is fully dedicated to the important task of ripping.

The pre-configured Linux workstation is covered by a 3 years hot swap warranty from Caldera.

## **Mutoh Edition Software**

The new Grip and Grip+ software offerings will be added to Mutoh's existing RIP software portfolio including Mutoh Editions of EasySign (PowerPack & PowerPack Pro Mutoh Editions), Fian (Perfect Print Mutoh Edition), Onyx Graphics (RIP Center ValuePlus Mutoh Edition, PosterSHOP Select Mutoh Edition & Production House Mutoh Edition), SAi (PhotoPrint SE Mutoh (ValueJet) Edition, PhotoPrint DX Mutoh Edition & PhotoPrint Server Mutoh Edition) and SCP (Daylight RIP PS Mutoh Edition & Colorado MX Mutoh Edition).

The Grip and Grip+ RIP software are available immediately and will be distributed through Mutoh authorized resellers. Mutoh Europe will deliver with each Grip and Grip+ pack an ICC profile library with over 200 ready-made ICC profiles covering its entire Mutoh wide-format printer portfolio.

A full features list on Mutoh Grip and Grip+ software is available on Mutoh Europe's website : [www.mutoh.be/page.aspx/46](http://www.mutoh.be/page.aspx/46)

## **About Mutoh Europe nv**

Mutoh Europe nv, Belgium, is a business unit of Mutoh Holdings Co. Ltd., Japan. Founded in 1991, Mutoh Europe's activities encompass development, manufacturing and distribution of CAD/CAS hardware (professional sign cutting plotters and large-format full-colour piezo printers for CAD, commercial inkjet printing and sign making applications). Employing 280 people, the company markets Mutoh products all over Europe, the Middle East and Africa through an extensive network of authorised resellers.

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