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**RYOBI ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR THIRD PRINTING PRESS
MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN JAPAN
AS NEWEST ONE REACHES FULL PRODUCTION**

**When third facility is fully operational in Fall 2007, Ryobi will have more than
doubled its offset press making capacity over early 2006**

HIROSHIMA, Japan, and LENEXA, Kansas, November 21, 2006—Driven by strong U.S. and worldwide annual demand growth for offset printing presses, Ryobi Graphic Systems of Hiroshima, Japan, said it will begin construction on a new press manufacturing facility in January 2007.

The new facility will be the third at Ryobi's Hiroshima East central production center. Ryobi also recently reported that its second factory, completed earlier this year, is running at full operation. Ryobi is one of the world's leading producers of multi-color, mid-size offset printing presses.

Ryobi's newly expanded 215,000 square foot manufacturing center—known as Hiroshima East Plants 1 and 2—generated a 60% increase in production capacity when the second plant became fully operational in late October 2006, according to the company.

Ryobi officials said the newest facility, Hiroshima East Plant 3, will be at full-scale operations in September 2007. It will add another 99,000 square feet of manufacturing space and represents a total expected investment of \$27 million, the company said. When the third facility is completed, Ryobi will have 314,000 square feet at its Hiroshima East operations, more than double the production capacity Ryobi had in March 2006, officials said.

xpedx Printing Technologies, the exclusive U.S. importer and distributor of Ryobi-branded presses, said this expansion will significantly increase capacity to meet growing

demand for Ryobi's six-, four-, and two-up high-speed, multi-color offset presses. The presses range from two- to 10-colors and feature state-of-the-art print technologies including UV coating and drying as well as convertible perfectors.

'Important development for U.S. printers'

"Ryobi's capacity expansion is an important development for U.S. printers who understand that mid-size presses help generate profitable growth and meet increasing demand for shorter-run, extreme-quality color," explains Don Harvey, vice president and general manager of xpedx Printing Technologies in Lenexa, Kansas.

"Commercial and in-plant printers who have Ryobi presses say they produce very high-quality print—cost effectively, at high speeds and with quick makereadies," Harvey said. "These printers consistently tell us Ryobi's presses are very hardworking, versatile, reliable and easy to operate."

Harvey and xpedx corporate director of marketing services Jeff Higgins late last month led an xpedx delegation to Japan to meet with senior Ryobi executives and discuss sales and marketing plans for 2007.

The Ryobi Hiroshima East center represents global best practices in manufacturing and printing equipment production, said Harvey. Workers build each customer's press to order. All press components are individually checked for quality and inspected by technicians and specialized machines in micron-level detail. Each press is thoroughly tested before being shipped to the customer.

Citing increased responsibility to minimize environmental impacts, Ryobi said it has installed special equipment at its Hiroshima East facility to reduce energy consumption and CO₂ emissions. It also unveiled new press technology designed to reduce waste and use of chemicals.

About Ryobi Graphic Systems

Ryobi Graphic Systems Division of Hiroshima, Japan, is one of the world's largest manufacturers of high-speed, multi-color offset printing presses and is a wholly-owned unit of Ryobi, Ltd., founded in 1943. Ryobi offers printing presses, hardware and software that handle all aspects of a print job, from pre-press to binding. It is a world leader in high-precision large-, mid-size and small presses, DI presses and CIP4-JDF compliant digital workflows. With pressroom installations worldwide, Ryobi presses are respected for their superior print quality, cost-effectiveness, ease of press operation, high reliability and precision machining.

About xpedx Printing Technologies

xpedx Printing Technologies, a wholly owned division of xpedx, offers rapid-response, local technical support, press operator training, a large parts warehouse and a

showroom/demo center at its headquarters in Lenexa, KS. It has a team of executive, sales and technical staff and currently has 50 dealers across the U.S. responsible for local sales and service. The company is on the web at ryobi.xpedx.com. The phone is 800-553-4980.

In the U.S., xpedx Printing Technologies markets and distributes a wide variety of presses and printing technology including the following core offerings:

- RYOBI 750 series, 6-up high-speed multi-color new 23x31-inch sheet size offset presses;
- RYOBI 680 series, 4-up-plus size high-speed multi-color 20x27-inch offset presses;
- RYOBI 520 series, 2-up plus size high-speed multi-color 14x20-inch offset presses;
- RYOBI 3404 DI series, 2-up size portrait format four-color offset presses with direct imaging;
- RYOBI 3302 and 3304 portrait format, two- and four-color offset presses; and
- RYOBI duplicators.

The 750, 680 and 520 series can be equipped with perfectors, coating units, UV curing units and infrared dryers.

xpedx Printing Technologies has the largest force of local, factory-trained press technicians in the U.S. to service Ryobi printing presses. The company's dealers coast-to-coast provide first-tier support, and are backed up by technicians at xpedx Printing Technologies headquarters and Ryobi Graphic Systems engineers in Japan. The superior service model offers unequalled same day response time for all Ryobi presses. xpedx Printing Technologies and Ryobi also require continuously updated training for all press service technicians.

About xpedx and its businesses

Loveland, Ohio-based xpedx, an International Paper company, is North America's largest marketer and distributor of printing papers and graphics supplies and equipment. It is also a major U.S. distributor of packaging supplies and equipment and facility supplies and equipment. xpedx has more than 7,000 employees in 250 locations in the U.S. and Mexico. Major customers include commercial printers, publishers, manufacturers, retailers, facility managers and companies across many industry segments.

In addition to delivering the world's largest offering of printing papers from a single source, xpedx provides graphics professionals with advanced digital prepress equipment, hardware and graphics software, Ryobi presses and digital workflows, color management tools, finishing, bindery and packaging systems. xpedx also offers detailed operations analysis, advice and financing to help make a customer's printing operations more efficient and profitable. xpedx is one of the largest providers of post-consumer waste content and recycled printing papers in North America. It also offers the greatest variety of Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified papers in the U.S.

Other xpedx owned-and-operated businesses include New York-based Bulkley Dunton, the xpedx National Technology Center (NTC), a pre-press laboratory and demonstration center based in metropolitan Cleveland, Ohio, as well as a network of 135 retail paper stores in 32 states that operate under the names xpedx Paper & Graphics, xpedx Paper Store, If It's Paper and Arvey Paper & Office Products. In Mexico, xpedx owns and operates 20 distribution centers and retail stores. xpedx operates one of the largest business-to-business e-commerce sites, xpedx.com, as well as suiteshoponline.com for graphics professionals.

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