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The Provident Group Acquires Custom Flex, LLC in Expansion Move to Better Serve the Printing Industry

The Provident Group expands its offering of doctor blades, end seals, and innovative solutions for the printing industry with the acquisition of Custom Flex, LLC.

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Bryan, OH: The Provident Group, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Anderson & Vreeland, Inc., today announced the acquisition of Custom Flex, a leading manufacturer and distributor of doctor blades, end seals and innovative solutions for the printing industry. The acquisition is part of The Provident Group’s on-going effort to provide continuous improvement in its product offering of doctor blades, end seals and technical support for its customers.

“Custom Flex’s technical expertise and patented innovation in the doctor blade and end seal field is a natural fit for The Provident Group and allows us to better serve customers throughout North America,” noted Drew Elisius, Vice President of Operations for Anderson & Vreeland, Inc. “Our customers will benefit from the cumulative knowledge and industry innovation created by Custom Flex and The Provident Group,” added Elisius.

Custom Flex offers a comprehensive selection of premium-quality doctor blades and is the exclusive master distributor partner of Prime Blade; the premium Swedish doctor blade manufacturer, throughout the United States and Canada. Custom Flex also offers a broad selection of end seals that deliver long-lasting performance by using superior materials and AquaShear™, a precision machining process that creates a superior seal.

The Provident Group was founded in 1996 and specialized in developing innovative solutions for printers. The company owns numerous patents that introduced improved doctor blade and end seal performance, including Chamber Wrap, an innovation that protects the doctor blade chamber from ink build up, greatly reducing clean-up time and solvent usage.

The Provident Group will utilize Custom Flex’s Appleton, Wisconsin manufacturing and sales warehouse in addition to its manufacturing and sales/warehouse facility in Englewood, Colorado. For further information visit www.providentgrp.com.

About The Provident Group

The Provident Group was founded by industry veterans Mark Van Denend and David Allen in 1996 and specialized in developing innovative solutions for printers. The company owns numerous patents that introduced improved doctor blade and end seal performance. The Provident Group operates independently as a wholly owned subsidiary of Anderson & Vreeland, Inc., and has a manufacturing and sales/warehouse facility in Englewood, Colorado.

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Photo: Custom Flex Precision Doctor blades