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Gerber Innovations' Expands Product Offering With the Launch of the Gerber Solara Ion Flat-Bed UV Printer at SuperCorrExpo 2008

SOUTH WINDSOR, CT – November 25, 2008 – Gerber Innovations, North America's only full-line manufacturer of automated cutting hardware for the design, die making and short-run production segments of the packaging industry, announced today that it has expanded its product portfolio to include flat bed UV printers. The initial sale of Gerber's Solara Ion printer was made to Sumter Packaging Corporation at the recent SuperCorrExpo 2008 in Atlanta.

"The expansion of Gerber Solara Ion's advanced printing technology to the packaging design and development process is a natural fit, especially Gerber's Cold Fire Cure™ technology and GerberCAT™ inks. These are ideal companions to Gerber's M series flatbed cutting systems to provide the ultimate Print-to-Cut turnkey solution for our Customers." said Steven Gore, President of Gerber Innovations.

Solara Ion brings its patented Cold Fire Cure™ to the packaging business – Gerber's unique UV curing process that uses low energy and lower temperatures to cure the proprietary GerberCAT™ cationic inks. This dramatically expands the range of materials the Solara Ion can print on, making this technology perfectly suited for direct printing with superior adhesion to corrugated and folding carton short-run and POP/POS applications, as well as plastic, vinyl, fabric, and virtually any substrates, without concern for ink adhesion or material damage.

The packaging print process requires a high level of versatility and print application flexibility. Gerber Solara Ion's revolutionary GerberCAT ink has made its name allowing users to print onto virtually any substrate with a single ink set. Combined with the superior print quality offered, the Solara ion is a powerful solution for the packaging industry, according to Gore.

"Our customers now have new and exciting options for samples, prototypes and short-run production", adds Mark Bibo, Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "The advanced technology used by the Solara Ion provides very good ink adhesion which will minimize cracking on scores/creases. The low energy ink curing will reduce warping that is often a problem with corrugated materials, and perhaps the biggest breakthrough is that this technology is now available at a very affordable price".

"Executives at Sumter Packaging Corporation are excited about the application possibilities they can undertake with their newly acquired Solara Ion. The technical and business support staff of Gerber are equally eager to help the new users with a smooth implementation", adds Bibo.



Photo Caption: *Steven Gore (second from left), president of Gerber Innovations congratulates Don Elliott (second from right), sales manager of Sumter Packaging on his new equipment acquisition. Looking on is Tim Green (far left) of Gerber Innovations and Jimmy Ezell (far right), customer service manager of Sumter Packaging*

About Gerber Innovations

Formerly known as Data Technology, Gerber Innovations is North America's only full-line manufacturer of automated cutting hardware for the design, die making and short-run production segments of the packaging industry. With more than 3,000 machines in service worldwide today, Gerber Innovations have the expertise, the resources and the know-how to meet all the sample making, die making and short-run production cutting needs for corrugated containers, folding cartons, point-of-purchase displays, foam and more. Based in South Windsor, Connecticut, Gerber Innovations operated as a business unit of Gerber Scientific, Inc.

Gerber Scientific is a leading international supplier of sophisticated automated manufacturing systems for sign making and specialty graphics, apparel, flexible materials and ophthalmic lens processing. Headquartered in South Windsor, Connecticut, the company operates through four businesses: Gerber Scientific Products, Spandex Ltd., Gerber Technology and Gerber Coburn.

About Sumter Packaging Corporation

Sumter Packaging Corporation was founded in 1958 as Kankakee Container Company in Kankakee, Illinois. In 1981, this company expanded to its present location in Sumter, South Carolina. On July 13, 1999 Sumter Packaging expanded to Orangeburg, South Carolina, with a Customer Service Center. On March 1, 2002, Sumter Packaging expanded a second time in Charlotte, NC with the acquisition of Queen City Container.

Sumter Packaging Corporation has grown to approximately 120 fulltime employees operating 24 hours/day, 5 days/week. Sumter Packaging is currently under the leadership of Charles E. Fienning, who is the second generation owner. Sumter Packaging continues today to successfully serve its customers through personal service and quality products with fast, dependable delivery.