

Dainippon Screen acquires Inca Digital Printers

Acquisition links innovative wide format digital inkjet specialist with world's leading manufacturer of equipment for the digital prepress, printing, semiconductor and flat panel display industries.

Kyoto, Japan, June 2, 2005 — Today Dainippon Screen Mfg. Co., Ltd (Headquarters: Kyoto, Japan / President: Akira Ishida) announces that it has acquired Inca Digital Printers, the specialist wide-format digital inkjet printer manufacturer, in an agreement totaling UK pounds 30 million (Euro 43.8m).

The acquisition is the latest phase in the ongoing expansion of Dainippon Screen's digital printing business and, effective immediately, Inca Digital becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of the company.

In 2001 Inca Digital shipped the world's first commercial digital flatbed printer and since then the company has remained at the forefront of development in the wide format digital inkjet industry.

“This is a highly strategic investment for us”, said Akira Ishida, Dainippon Screen's Chairman and President. “The impact of digital inkjet technologies on the conventional print market is accelerating and Inca's technology complements our existing digital imaging and printing products perfectly. Significantly, Inca's expertise gives us access to important new markets in industrial printing and packaging. By combining Inca's expertise in wide format inkjet printing, with Screen's considerable experience in the media technology, semi-conductor and flat-panel display industries we can further strengthen and grow Inca and Dainippon Screen's businesses, while working together to develop new applications across multiple sectors in the future.”

■ **About Inca Digital**

Inca Digital Printers, founded in 2000, is a leading pioneer and manufacturer of inkjet printing technology. The company is based in Cambridge, UK, and today employs 140 people with a quarter of these working in R&D.

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