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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **THE CHARLESTON POST AND COURIER GETS DCOS AUTOMATION UPGRADE**

**KINNA, August 5th, 2020** –DCOS AUTOMATION is pleased to announce an order at The Charleston (SC) Post and Courier for a new controls system integration for their 108 Goss digital page packs including ink preset and a new closed-loop color registration/ink density system replacement to their existing CC1 register system.

“We are very excited to have the opportunity to demonstrate our capabilities regarding lowering waste, producing high print quality and ease of operation on a non-4-high tower GOSS Metro Press consisting of mono-units and color decks” said Ron Ehrhardt, Sales Director for DCOS North American Operations.

“While the more traditional ‘old school Goss Metro’ base is shrinking somewhat over the last few years there are still quite a few out there that can benefit from our upgrade, I look forward to speaking with these customers soon, hopefully at a rescheduled Metro Production conference later this year or in 2021?” adds Ehrhardt. “It’s also nice to see newspapers making investments in upgrade equipment during this current Covid 19 economic situation.”



*L-t-R: Ron Ehrhardt (DCOS), Sid Stover (The Charleston Post & Courier)*



The project started in 2019, according to Sidney Stover Production Manager at The Charleston Post and Courier: “Near the end of 2019 the current system failed and we were without ink presetting capabilities for two weeks. Our IT department was able to restore the system, but it was only a matter of time before it will fail and not be recoverable.”

Stover adds “We later realized the original planned upgrade to our existing system was not going to fix the issues we were having. We were facing a much larger investment to keep the system running. So we began researching ink presetting system vendors. The owners at DCOS are very hands-on and easy to communicate with. The company’s services are exactly what we were looking for and DCOS focuses on using nonproprietary components. They have a strong commitment to the printed product and the high level of quality print customers have come to expect. This mirrors our company’s commitment to a quality printed product. We are making a financial investment in our printing equipment to maintain and even improve the quality for our customers and readers. Another key factor for us choosing to partner with DCOS was that they not only have a proven track record with digital ink presetting systems, but the same system has camera registration controls. This allowed us to replace another aging legacy system on the press at the same time.”

“DCOS has a strong history with open fountain presses on both single and double width presses and now will gain experience on a Digital Page Pack inking System double width press. We have installed our closed loop ink density inspection equipment on just about every type of press in operation and this order moves us into a new market” Says Ehrhardt.

The contract was signed in July and the installation is schedule for the end of this year.

#### **About DCOS Inspection System**

*DCOS Inspection Systems is a range of in-house developed camera based systems for the printing industry. The systems automate a majority of the traditionally manual quality adjustments made in the printing process. This in turn increases productivity and cost effectiveness as waste, start-up time, use of consumables and manning can be greatly reduced. At the same time a high and consistent quality is guaranteed.*

*DCOS Inspection System measures solid ink micro marks. Offline densitometric measurement of ink solid is proven in the industry for decades, it simple and stable. DCOS has reengineered the concept and developed an online high-speed solution adaptable to any press. This technology is optimized for best performance, repeatability and effectiveness. This is proven at installation across the globe.*

#### **About DCOS**

*DCOS offers custom-designed automated solutions with a focus on user-friendliness, efficiency and reliability – the aim is to maximize the productivity of the customers. DCOS offers a new approach in operation and control systems, operator interfaces, production follow-up and camera-based inspection systems for new and printing press installations, including retrofitting of existing ones. The company has printing press customers across the world and operates a strong service organization based on a network of carefully selected and skilled agents and partners.*

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