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**Electronics for Imaging Announces New Production
Color Server for Canon CLC 1000**

***ColorPASS-8000 Drives CLC 1000 at its Maximum Speed with
Photographic-Quality Color***

NEW YORK CITY, NY - May 7, 1997 - Electronics for Imaging, Inc. (NASDAQ:EFII), a pioneer and leading supplier of technologies for high-quality digital color printing over computer networks, today announced that Canon has begun shipping the ColorPASS-8000, a Color Server designed by EFI in cooperation with Canon to provide high-speed, high-quality document processing and network connectivity for the Canon CLC 1000 color copier/printer. The ColorPASS-8000 drives the CLC 1000 at its maximum rated speed of 31 pages per minute with photographic quality resolution.

Both EFI (booth #522) and Canon (booth #1352) will demonstrate the ColorPASS-8000 connected to a CLC 1000 during the On Demand Digital Printing and Publishing Strategy Conference and Exposition at New York City's Jacob K. Javits Center from May 6-May 8th.

“From the desktop to high-speed production-class systems like the CLC 1000, EFI and Canon have worked together to provide a complete line of high-performance solutions to meet every color printing need,” said Dan Avida, EFI's president and CEO. “The ColorPASS-8000 takes full advantage of the CLC 1000's output speed and resolution capabilities, creating a copier/printing system with price/performance that will be very attractive to production printing environments.



About the ColorPASS-8000

The performance-engineered architecture of the ColorPASS-8000 provides outstanding document processing power. At the heart of the ColorPASS-8000 is a workstation-class 200 MHz MIPS R5000 central processing unit (CPU) dedicated to Adobe PostScript Level 2 processing. EFI's Fiery XJ+ RIPChips™ — specially-designed application specific integrated circuits (ASICs) — off-load all data movement functions from the Color Server's CPU. The ColorPASS-8000 includes 256 MB of RAM as standard.

Overall system throughput is enhanced by the ColorPASS-8000's 66 MHz data bus. A Fast SCSI connector allows for rapid data movement to and from the Color Server's 2 GB internal hard disk. In addition, the ColorPASS-8000 uses a 512K secondary cache to increase system performance for the most processor-intensive tasks.

The ColorPASS-8000 supports a number of network environments, with a built-in Ethernet interface and support for simultaneous Novell IPX, TCP/IP and EtherTalk network protocols. An ISA expansion slot will allow for the use of an optional Token Ring network interface. A dedicated slot is intended to support future 100baseT network interface cards.

To complement its robust hardware architecture, the ColorPASS-8000 includes a number of innovations for efficient workflow, dynamic document creation, brilliant color and distributed printing.

Tools for Workflow

The included Fiery Command WorkStation™ kit transforms a Pentium-based workstation into a powerful control center for the CLC 1000, allowing users to display and control the output of multi-page documents. The customizable Command WorkStation™ 4.2 user



interface provides operators with an intuitive top-to-bottom, "waterfall" view of workflow. The Command WorkStation also supports job ticketing, batch processing of jobs through scripts, and complete access to PPD overrides. To safeguard documents in multi-user environments, the Command WorkStation provides multi-level password security.

Tools for Dynamic Document Creation

Fiery DocBuilder™ technology allows the Command WorkStation to dynamically merge jobs providing users with the ability to combine documents quickly, and easily incorporate last-minute changes in processed documents. Thumbnail preview windows display both RIPping and RIPped jobs making it easier to locate the correct stored job for reprinting. Users can even merge RIPped files, dynamically creating new documents on-the-fly. DocBuilder also provides complete support for auto-duplexing, reverse order printing, and electronic collation. The ColorPASS-8000 software suite also makes it easy to print two- and four-up booklets and tri-fold brochures.

Tools for Brilliant Color

EFI has matched the document processing speed of the ColorPASS-8000 with a suite of tools to generate stunning color. Calibration on-the-fly allows users to create custom calibration targets for each job. For example, a user can apply SWOP targets for a job that must meet offset press standards while using the CLC 1000's default targets for the next job. In addition, EFICOLOR™ Color Rendering Dictionaries (CRDs) help produce the best color reproduction on every job and on every print. Further color enhancements include automated trapping, overprinting and advanced, EFI proprietary, screening technology to maximize color quality.



Tools for Distributed Printing

The ColorPASS-8000 supports the emerging trend toward distributed printing by incorporating native support for Web-based documents, including Adobe PDF files and HTML. In addition, the ColorPASS-8000 is a self-contained Web Server, accessible by any user with a Java-enabled browser. EFI's Fiery WebTools™ allow remote users to manage the ColorPASS-8000 from anywhere on the Internet or corporate intranets — whether across the room or on the other side of the globe.

Availability and Pricing

Pricing for the ColorPASS-8000 has been set by Canon at \$39,950 and will be available by authorized Canon dealers in May.

About Electronics for Imaging

Electronics for Imaging, Inc. (EFI) is the industry pioneer and market leader in the development of products and technologies that enable high-quality digital color printing over computer networks. The company's Fiery Color Servers™ incorporate advanced hardware and software technologies to achieve fast, photographic-quality color output and provide network connectivity for a range of devices, including color copiers from all leading vendors, wide-format plotters and digital presses. Fiery XJe™ Controllers leverage these same technologies to increase the output speed and improve the print quality of Fiery Driven™ copiers and desktop color laser printers.

EFI's products are distributed by the company's blue-chip OEM partners — Canon, Digital Equipment Corporation, IBM, Kodak/Danka Office Imaging, Minolta, Océ, Ricoh and Xerox. Fiery Color Servers and Fiery Driven color printers are installed worldwide in leading



corporations, advertising agencies, graphic design studios and print-for-pay businesses. Founded in 1989 and headquartered in San Mateo, Calif., the company employs more than 370 people and has 22 worldwide sales offices. Its stock is traded on the NASDAQ national market system under the symbol EFII.

Additional information regarding Electronics for Imaging may be obtained by calling the company directly at (415) 286-8600, or through public sources, including the company's SEC filings. Electronics for Imaging may also be reached on the World Wide Web at <http://www.efi.com>.

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