News Release

RICOH Ri 1000 Wins SGIA Product of the Year Award for 'Direct-to-Garment Printers (black shirt)'

AnaJet, a Ricoh Company, earns prestigious designation for the RICOH Ri 1000 designed to fuel profitability and business growth for the direct-to-garment printing industry

TUSTIN, CA, Month XX, 2019 – AnaJet, a Ricoh company and pioneer in the direct-to-garment (DTG) industry, is proud to announce that the RICOH Ri 1000 won the Specialty Graphic Imaging Association's (SGIA) 2019 Product of the Year Award in the category of "Direct-to-Garment Printers (black shirt)."

The SGIA Product of the Year competition evaluates products that are, or will be, available for sale in 2019. A highly qualified panel of judges from across the printing industry evaluated the annual contest's 200+ entries in 72 categories spanning analog, digital, output, and non-output technologies.

"As part of our commitment to serve as a strategic partner for our customers, we continually strive to deliver innovative direct-to-garment technology that fuels profitability and business growth for users," explained Karl Tipre, CEO, AnaJet, Inc. "We achieved this objective by integrating customer feedback into the design process of the RICOH Ri 1000, making direct-to-garment printing easier, more affordable, and capable of producing even higher quality results than were possible with past printers. It's incredible for the machine to be recognized for these features, first as a CES 2019 Innovation Award Honoree and now as an SGIA Product of the Year."

To compete in the category of "Direct-to-Garment Printers (black shirt)," entrants must submit a sample image printed on a black t-shirt. Created by the SGIA specially for the competition, the sample graphic tests overall color appeal, tonality, image detail, objective color matching, and grayscale color cast.

For accurate results, judging is based on reports generated by the Sonoco Institute of Packaging Design and Graphics at Clemson University. "This is the only competition I know of that reports on the percentage of Adobe RGB a printer can hit," said Ray Weiss, Director of Digital Print Programs, SGIA. "We'll display the reports alongside the entries in the Awards Gallery at PRINTING United in October." Judges also factor in overall printer productivity as they assess image quality.

All SGIA Product of the Year entries will be displayed in the Awards Gallery at the inaugural PRINTING United show on October 23 - 25 in Dallas. AnaJet will provide demos of the winning RICOH Ri 1000 at Booth #1800. For details on Ricoh's full line of DTG printers, consumables, and accessories, please visit www.RicohDTG.com.

| About SGIA |

The Specialty Graphic Imaging Association (SGIA) is the premier printing and graphic arts trade organization that provides members with cutting edge resources, tools and education to promote growth and convergence into new market segments. SGIA members have unparalleled access to current industry information, trends and events. SGIA-produced events include, but are not limited to, PRINTING United (Dallas; October 23 - 25, 2019) and Graphics of the Americas (Miami; February 27 - 29, 2020). For more information, visit SGIA.org.

| About AnaJet |

AnaJet has been a true pioneer in the direct-to-garment printing industry starting with the mass production of its first printer line in 2006. AnaJet became a Ricoh company in late 2016, and the two immediately united to begin research and development on the flagship RICOH Ri 3000/Ri 6000 printers. In 2018, AnaJet launched the ground-breaking Ri 100, which was named a 2018 CES Innovation Awards Honoree. AnaJet continues to set the bar in the DTG industry, constantly striving to create market-leading products with superior print speeds, reliability and ease of use.

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| About Ricoh |

Ricoh is empowering digital workplaces using innovative technologies and services enabling individuals to work smarter. For more than 80 years, Ricoh has been driving innovation and is a leading provider of document management solutions, IT services, commercial and industrial printing, digital cameras, and industrial systems.

Headquartered in Tokyo, Ricoh Group operates in approximately 200 countries and regions. In the financial year ended March 2018, Ricoh Group had worldwide sales of 2,063 billion yen (approx. 19.4 billion USD).

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