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STEVE FRANTZ NAMED SIGMA GRAPHICS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

DECATUR, ILL. – Huston Patterson Corp., Decatur, Ill., has announced the appointment of Chief Operating Officer (COO) Steve Frantz to the same role for Sigma Graphics, Huston Patterson’s Special Products Division based in Ottawa, Ill. Frantz has served as COO for Huston Patterson since the year 2000.

“We are committed to the continued growth of Sigma Graphics, and we believe that begins with the tremendous leadership of Steve Frantz,” says Thomas W. Kowa, President and CEO. “Steve has a proven, successful track record, and has the essential operational knowledge required to accomplish this task.”

Frantz has been involved with the printing industry for more than 40 years, beginning in the pressroom of Colwell Printing in 1964, which became Kowa Graphics in 1975. He joined the staff of Midland Litho in 1980 as assistant to the vice president, commercial division, a company known for printing Hallmark greeting cards and state road maps. In 1985, Frantz came to Huston Patterson as general manager, where he worked on Sangamon Greeting cards and assisted in establishing national sales territories for top sheets and labels.

Frantz served as vice president, sales and production, for Printing Incorporated from 1990-1995, worked as vice president of sales and marketing for Midland Litho from 1995-2000, and rejoined Huston Patterson in 2000. During his successful printing career, Frantz has worked or supervised in every area of the field but accounting.

“I am excited to serve in this new role for Sigma Graphics. We have some of the best craftsmen in the package print industry, and I look forward to providing them the necessary support to expand their capabilities, efficiencies and productivity,” Frantz says.

Sigma Graphics is in the process of installing a new 40-inch KBA six-color and coat press, which will allow the company to deliver even quicker package printing.

As a world-class printing organization, Huston Patterson provides unparalleled value and performance through effective use of technology and craftsmanship by incorporating the unifying principles of trust, integrity and commitment. For more information, visit the Web sites at www.sigmagraphics.net and www.experiencetheevolution.com.