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Vianord Engineering Actively Defending its Intellectual Property Portfolio to Ensure the Broadest Protection to its Customers' Investments

Carros, France – September 6th, 2017. As a leading developer and manufacturer of the most innovative **Flexo Platemaking Solutions**, [Vianord Engineering](http://vianord.com) has built a significant amount of **intellectual property**, which provides the company with a steep competitive advantage in the industry.

The last patent approved to Vianord, US9463617 B2 is granted until April 2033. The invention relates to a method and an **apparatus for the photo-polymerization** and the **washing-out in series of digital printing plates for flexography**. The invention implements in series the exposure and washing steps of the printing plate. This latest patent extends Vianord's already robust U.S. and international patent portfolio.

Since the very beginning of its commercial activities, Vianord has been able to protect all those core technologies and key product features that differentiate its products, thus offering a real competitive advantage to its customers.

Patents on core technology and key product features create a significant barrier to competition and force competitors to design and circumnavigate around them; likely offering less functional and less desirable products.

Mr. Riccardo de Caria, Strategy Advisor at Vianord Engineering, stated "We will continue to protect and invest in our intellectual property, passing all technical advantages over to our customers."

Vianord will continue to take all the necessary steps to protect its growing intellectual property portfolio and the rights of its customers who use the derivative solutions.

“Vianord Engineering has a responsibility to its shareholders and customers to protect the Company's investments in innovative technologies. Vianord Engineering will continue to vigorously defend its valuable portfolio of patents and other intellectual property assets. Companies that ignore patents do so at their own peril.” Concluded Mr. de Caria.

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About Vianord

Vianord Engineering is one of the world's leading suppliers of innovative flexographic plate-making systems for conventional and digital plates. Founded by a group of Flexo experts and highly qualified specialists in the field of flexo plate making equipment, the company is fully dedicated to the pure technological innovation of the flexographic pre-press industry. Vianord has been the first company to develop and commercialize modular and fully automated solutions to help flexo printers, converters, plate-makers and repro services, to benefit of high quality plates, through a streamlined process and in a safety-enhanced working environment.

The Vianord Headquarters is located near Nice (South France), in the heart of the industrial area of Carros, one of the three technological poles of France. The new and modern office building, R&D workshops, production units and warehouse were purposely designed over a total area of 4.300 sqm (46.000 sq ft) covering two floors. A second production unit and assembly facility is located in Italy near Milan.

Vianord products and solutions are distributed globally through a global network of channel partners providing vertical solutions and specialized services.

We innovate. You benefit! - Everyone at Vianord makes use of their genuine ability to discover and develop new things that make customers' job easier, by anticipating their problems and creating new business opportunities, beyond the obvious.

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