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## Second SGIA sustainability award for ASTG

Aurora Specialty Textiles Group, Inc (ASTG) has received the prestigious 2012 SGIA Sustainability Recognition Award for the second consecutive year.

Specialty Graphics Imaging Association, or SGIA, created these awards to recognise member companies that develop a sustainable business ethic, requiring a strong commitment from not only company management, but also its workforce. They are presented annually to facilities that qualify based upon submission of required programme information and the facility's sustainability policy.

Aurora Specialty Textiles Group's long-term sustainability vision includes investments in capital projects that will allow the company to modernise its 100-year old building in order to make operations more efficient. The company plans to reduce gas and electrical consumption in boilers and ranges, while also reducing steam trap and air line leaks. The end result will result in less required energy and lower emissions.

Mike Richardson, Director of Sales/

Marketing-Print Media at ASTG, comments: "We have not only recognised higher than expected operational savings by updating assets, but also improved our operational working conditions, such as air quality. It is a win, not only for Aurora, but also for our surrounding environment."

In addition to these measures, ASTG's environmental policy and its ISO 14001 environmental certificate have been added to the company website. Internally, ASTG has posted environmental banners throughout its facilities and conducted employee communication meetings for project updates.

Headquartered in Aurora, Illinois, Aurora Specialty Textiles Group is a full-service textile finisher specialising in fabric sourcing, preparation, dyeing, coating and technical finishing for the woven and non-woven fabrics industries. With its second manufacturing facility located in Travelers Rest, SC, the company has the capacity, processing capabilities and finishing technologies to produce wider-width textile products. ■

## FESPA's Hall of Fame winners are announced

The FESPA Hall of Fame is the international award which recognises the leading lights of the wide format print community. After an immensely successful campaign prior to and during FESPA Digital 2012 in Barcelona, the votes have now been counted and verified. The Hall of Fame received 6,000 votes for more than 400 printers in 40 countries and the winner and top five for the FESPA Hall of Fame 2012 has now been confirmed.



Rich Thompson of AdGraphics, World Print Champion in FESPA's Hall of Fame 2012

The winner who becomes the World Print Champion for the FESPA Hall of Fame 2012 is Rich Thompson of AdGraphics, (USA). Second place went to Kishore Musale from Classic Stripes, (India), and third was Birol Fedai, Sistem Printing, (Turkey). Cactus Imaging's Keith Ferrel (Australia) took fourth place, while in fifth was Simon Pless, Erler & Pless, (Germany).

Duncan MacOwan, Head of Events and New Media for FESPA, comments: "The FESPA Hall of Fame can be hailed as an unbelievable success. The number of nominations and votes far exceeded our expectations as printers voted in their droves from countries all over the world. It goes to prove once again the international audience that FESPA commands, and how valued these excellent printers are to our industry. The winner of this award must be very proud as this is an amazing accolade voted for by their peers." ■

## Marabu takes a high profile at drupa

Showcasing its latest innovations, Marabu is exhibiting on three high-profile stands in Hall 3 at drupa. Stand A92 will focus on digital printing and liquid coatings, with the spotlight on UltraJet DUV-F, Marabu's brand new UV-curable inkjet ink for flexible substrates. This product is part of a comprehensive portfolio that includes the UV-curable Ultrajet range, TexaJet water-based sublimation inks, and the mild solvent-based Marajet series

Marabu is also appearing in the ESMA Screencity pavilion. As a founding member of ESMA, the company will showcase its screen-printing inks in a dedicated presentation area, along with a new low-migration ink which will make its international debut. The UV-curable Ultrapack UVFP range is ideal for printing on the exterior of food packaging. Further highlights will include graphic screen-printing inks and UV-LED-curable inks for container and label printing.

Finally, Marabu will be appearing in conjunction with Japanese printing press manufacturer Sakurai. Visitors will have the chance to watch a live demonstration of Marabu's UV-curable special effect inks, applied using the next-generation Sakurai Maestro cylinder screen press. ■