

MUTOH WINS TWO 'PRODUCT OF THE YEAR' AWARDS AT SGIA

Oostende, BELGIUM. At the latest SGIA 2012 exhibition at Las Vegas, U.S.A., the Mutoh Group, represented by its subsidiary Mutoh America Inc., received two 'Product of the Year' awards, attributed by the Specialty Graphic Imaging Association (SGIA).

The award ~**Poster Size – Solvent/Latex Printer less than 96"**~ went to Mutoh's ValueJet 1638 high speed sign printer. Mutoh's first 2.6 m wide ValueJet Eco Ultra printer, called ValueJet 2638, got an award in the category ~**Grand Format Roll-to-roll – Solvent & Latex Inks**~.



The 'Product of the Year' award competition highlights the best technologies and consumables from the specialty imaging community.

Arthur Vanhoutte, President of Mutoh's European Operations comments: *"We are very pleased that the ValueJet 1638 and 2638 printers have been awarded. These awards are a recognition of Mutoh's expertise as an innovative developer and manufacturer of wide-format printers."*

"With the introduction of the latest ValueJet printer models, we can really show how our wide-format printers have developed in the last years. Mutoh ValueJet printers are high-end products with technology proven to be faster, more reliable, more cost effective and more efficient. Both awarded printers are manufactured in Japan. In Europe, the new ValueJet 1638 is already available, whereas the 2638 printer will become available from January 2013 onwards." concludes Vanhoutte.

About the ValueJet 1638



VJ-1638

The new **ValueJet 1638** (64"/165 cm) model, offering sellable production quality speeds up to 36 m²/h at 720 x 720 dpi, is targeted at the sign & display market. The printer utilises Mutoh Eco Ultra CMYK inks. The new dual head printer incorporates Mutoh's award-winning Intelligent Interweaving print technology which guarantees predictable and repeatable output quality.

The VJ-1638 printer also features a high level of operator comfort and print production efficiency, thanks to a newly designed keyboard, an automatic sheet off system and a tiltable ink cassette holder which saves space and enables loading of different ink volumes

About the ValueJet 2638



VJ-2638

Mutoh's **new 2.6 m ValueJet 2638** model will address the needs of PSPs and commercial printers looking for a high volume printing solution whilst requiring media compatibility with media rolls up to a width of 2.6 m.

The 4-colour high speed printer features a staggered dual head setup with latest generation 1440 nozzle 8 channel piezo print heads, offering improved productivity. Using Mutoh Eco Ultra CMYK inks, the VJ-2638 will print directly onto a wide range of uncoated and coated substrates.

Suitable for indoor & outdoor graphics, this new 104" wide printer will deliver both high quality and high speed. Top quality graphics at production speeds of up to 40 m²/h at 720 x 720 dpi can be obtained.

About MUTOH Belgium nv

Mutoh Belgium nv are a subsidiary of Mutoh Holdings Co. Ltd., Tokyo, Japan (TYO : 7999 "MUTOH"). Founded in 1991, the company's activities encompass sales, technical and commercial marketing, product support, after-sales service and distribution of CAD/CAS hardware (professional sign cutting plotters and large-format full-colour piezo printers for CAD, commercial inkjet printing, sign and soft sign applications).

Press contact : Nick Decock
E-mail: press@mutoh.eu

MUTOH Belgium nv
Archimedesstraat 13, B – 8400 Oostende, BELGIUM
Phone : +32 (0) 59 56 14 00 – Fax : +32 (0) 59 80 71 17
<http://www.mutoh.eu>

