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Konica Minolta Launches New EFI Fiery Digital Front Ends for Latest AccurioPress Line-up

FREMONT, Calif., Sept. 14, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Electronics For Imaging](#), Inc. (Nasdaq:EFII), and [Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A.](#), Inc. announced two new EFI™ Fiery® digital front ends (DFEs) designed to drive the AccurioPress™ line of digital presses from Konica Minolta®.

Running on the award-winning EFI Fiery FS200 Pro software platform and Windows® 10, the new EFI Fiery IC-313 external DFE provides superior performance and color management. It also supports the Konica Minolta AccurioPress family of production color digital presses, including the C6100, C6085, C2070, C2070P, and C2060.

The second new offering, the EFI Fiery IC-315 DFE, also runs on the Fiery FS200 Pro software platform. This powerful server is the first DFE available from Konica Minolta running on EFI's new NX premium hardware platform and is specifically designed for the ultimate in productivity with Konica Minolta's highest production presses, the Konica Minolta AccurioPress C6100 and C6085.

"As we bring our new AccurioPress C6100 and C6085 digital color presses to market, we are pleased to include the latest high-performance Fiery NX hardware platform with the Fiery IC-315 to enable customers to get the most out of their investments," said Kevin Kern, senior vice president, business intelligence services and product planning, Konica Minolta. "For less aggressive print environments, users can choose the Fiery IC-313, which also supports the AccurioPress C2070, C2070P, and C2060 models and features most of the same great Fiery capabilities."

As with all Fiery DFEs, these new products include Fiery [Command WorkStation](#)®, an industry-leading job management solution that makes it easier for print professionals to manage multiple printers or an entire shop from a single point. In addition, the Fiery IC-315 DFE model has been certified by Adobe® to satisfy Mercury RIP Architecture standards, ensuring maximum efficiency in resource utilization. It also comes standard with EFI Fiery HyperRIP, a faster job-processing technology that can RIP up to four jobs simultaneously. HyperRIP also features a RUSH RIP mode that opens up a fifth parallel processor to handle rush jobs when all four processors are busy.

Free Fiery DFE training from EFI, including the [Learning@EFI](#) site, will give AccurioPress C6100 and C6085 customers information to ensure they can use all the Fiery product features to the fullest extent possible.

Both DFEs support the outstanding color and productivity digital print operators have come to expect from Fiery products. In addition, they support unique Konica Minolta capabilities, including:

- | IQ-501 Intelligent Quality Optimizer with Integrated Color Care Unit (ICCU) allowing for in-line scanning of both color patches and registration marks
- | Konica Minolta FD-9 spectrophotometer support via EFI's [Fiery Color Profiler Suite](#) calibration
- | Konica Minolta FD-5BT spectrodensitometer calibration support
- | The new Konica Minolta SD-513 Saddle stitch unit with a variety of unique features.

"EFI and Konica Minolta continue to work closely together as Konica Minolta adds more speed and functionality to its AccurioPress line for customers wishing to run their businesses as profitably as possible," said John Henze, vice president of Fiery marketing, EFI. "These new Fiery DFEs ensure customers are able to achieve the utmost in quality and productivity without compromise."

End-to-end integration for greater efficiency

The new Fiery DFEs integrate into existing production workflows for digital color and offset printing through JDF implementation, which seamlessly connects with automated estimating, scheduling, job ticketing, accounting and other processes managed by EFI's suite of industry-leading MIS and web-to-print products, including [EFI PrintSmith™](#), [Premium Pace™](#) and [Enterprise Pace](#) bundles for Konica Minolta.

The Fiery advantage for high-quality Accurio production

In addition to Command WorkStation, these new Fiery DFEs offer a wide range of workflow and productivity features, including Fiery JobFlow™ Base for automation of job preparation. Users can create print-ready files with a single click and use custom automated workflows for common job types to reduce repetitive work and minimize errors with this software, which comes pre-installed on the both DFEs. Standard with the Fiery IC-315 and optional with the Fiery IC-313 are Fiery Compose, a set of sophisticated document composition tools and a visual user interface to speed up composition, accurately perform complex assembly functions and improve page-level settings review; and Fiery Impose, a PDF imposition software that automates make-ready tasks.

Also standard with the Fiery IC-315 (and optional with the Fiery IC-313) is the Fiery Graphic Arts Package, Premium Edition, which includes Control Bar Builder software, an application that gives users improved color quality control by placing industry-standard Idealliance or FOGRA color bars and customizable job information on every printed page.

The new Fiery DFEs are available from Konica Minolta and authorized Konica Minolta resellers. For more information about EFI Fiery Driven™ products, visit www.efi.com or contact 800-875-7117.

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