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Hamp's TigerPress Celebrates 20th Anniversary With Expansion Plans

NORTHAMPTON, MASS – TigerPress announced upcoming expansion plans to include a 13,125 square foot addition to their manufacturing facility located at 155 Industrial Park Drive.

Originally located in Amherst, TigerPress moved to Northampton's Industrial Park in 1997 occupying 4,000 square feet of the building.

The printing company expanded into the rest of the building soon thereafter, and added an 8,000 square foot addition in 2002. They also increased output capacity with the addition of two Komori printing presses—a four-color press and an automated six-color press with inline coating capability.

Gala festivities to include an open house are also in the works. “This is an exciting way to commemorate our 20th birthday,” said Reza M. Shafii, president and owner of TigerPress. “We started one CopyCat Print Shop in 1985 with just two employees. We want to celebrate our success by showing our appreciation for our customers, our employees and the community.”

TigerPress currently employs 50 people, 35 of them at the plant on Industrial Drive. Another 20 are employed at six CopyCat locations in MA & VT. Shafii estimates they will create another 15 to 30 jobs in the next 3 years.

The expansion includes the creation of a new TigerPress division: TigerExpress. “TigerExpress will employ digital print technology,” Mr. Shafii said. “Digital printing offers fast turnaround and competitive pricing for short runs. Demand for this service is growing. TigerPress is committed to keeping current with technology.”

TigerPress maintains a digital workflow allowing customers to upload graphic files to an FTP site. The files are prepared for printing in pre-press, then delivered to an automated plate making machine, bypassing the film stripping stage of traditional printing.

With additional sheet fed printing presses and bindery equipment under consideration, Mr. Shafii estimates the total cost of the project at \$5,000,000. Completion of the project is targeted for the year 2007.

With a wide range of printing options, TigerPress offers comprehensive solutions for the media requirements of corporations, colleges, hospitals, design firms, banks and other business institutions.

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