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## Smyth Companies acquires printing arm of Stoffel Seals

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN – AUGUST 3, 2007 --/For immediate release/--** Minnesota-based Smyth Companies, Inc. has completed a purchase of the Printing Division of Stoffel Seals Corporation. The acquisition will give Smyth additional capabilities for package promotion printing as well as added customers. The transaction was made official on July 30.

Smyth currently enjoys a strong position in the package-promotion printing and commercial printing/fulfillment sectors, and serves a wide variety of high-profile customers in the consumer goods industry. The company prints promotional labels to be applied to existing packaging as coupons, informational vehicles, game and sweepstakes pieces, and premiums. Smyth also has a machinery division that applies these labels to packaging. The Stoffel purchase adds a new dimension to this capability with equipment to assemble hang tags for bottles and other packages, as well as shelf promotions like header cards.

“We really see this acquisition as an opportunity to provide more value and innovation to our existing customers, as well as those that will come to Smyth from Stoffel,” said Bill Hickey, president of Smyth Companies. “Our current customers will benefit from the added capability that comes from Stoffel, and those clients coming to Smyth from Stoffel will have a much wider array of labeling and printing options available to them from a single supplier. We welcome the opportunity to serve them.”

Stoffel Seal Corporation is a diversified manufacturer with manufacturing plants in Tallapoosa, Georgia, and Nyack, New York. In addition to package printing, Stoffel produces badges and pins for law enforcement, general promotional items, security seals for packaging and truck trailers, and napkin bands for restaurants. The company employs approximately 500 people.

Smyth Companies has headquarters and manufacturing operations in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as well as manufacturing plants in Austin, Minnesota; Bedford, Virginia; and Golden, Colorado. The company was established in 1877, making Smyth one of the oldest business entities in Minnesota. 2007 marks 130 years in business for the company. Besides package promotional labels, Smyth also prints primary package identification labels, and produces specialty packaging. The company employs approximately 350 people at its four locations.

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