



Acquisition solidifies Annex's role as Canada's pre-eminent business to business publisher

Annex Publishing & Printing Inc. is pleased to announce the acquisition of a significant portion of CLB Media's business-to-business publications. CLB Media is based in Aurora, Ont., and publishes a wide range of titles focused primarily on Canada's manufacturing sector. The acquisition not only diversifies the industries that Annex serves, but also brings a substantial volume of recurring printing business to the company starting early in 2011.

"This is one of the most exciting opportunities to appear in years," says Annex president and CEO Mike Fredericks. "There are some marquee titles involved, some great new employees, and a significant amount of work for our press."

The acquisition involves 13 print and numerous web titles including:

Print:

Canadian Security

Security Products & Technology News

Canadian Electronics

Design Product News

Electrical Business

L'industrie électrique

Distribution & Supply

Metalworking Production & Purchasing

Resource Engineering & Maintenance

Plant Engineering & Maintenance

Produits pour L'industrie Québécoise

Canadian Occupational Safety

Manufacturing Automation

Web:

ENEX

www.energymanagement.com

www.netcommonline.ca

www.woodbusiness.ca

www.safermachines.com

www.workplacenews.com

www.greenbusinesss.com

The deal also includes some recently-closed titles that fit well with Annex Publishing & Printing's existing forest products group. These include *Mill Product News*, *Specialty Wood Journal*, and *Logging Management*. The company will examine opportunities to re-open or combine some of these recognized publications.

"With this newly expanded base of operation we intend to develop the best integration between digital and print trade publications available in Canada. News, education and editorial to support Canadian industry growth is a business we have been committed to for over 20 years," says Fredericks.