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Douglas brings the latest in machine technologies to Pack Expo International

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Douglas Machine Inc. will exhibit its latest case packing and shrink-wrapping technologies during the upcoming Pack Expo International to be held in Chicago, Illinois, November 9 - 13.

The Contour™ Series SPS-75 Shrink Packer will pack bottles into trays and wrap with printed film. Features include the patented Smartrak® Steady Stream Infeed system, patented Slipstream™ HS pinless metering, an ergonomic tray blank magazine, a servo-driven film wrapping wand for accurate film placement, a roll-out film cutter assembly for easy maintenance, and a heat tunnel that uses patented heat and airflow management to deliver tightly wrapped, aesthetically pleasing packages. The Contour™ SPS-75 operates at speeds to 75 packages per minute.

The Axiom® IM Case Packer will pack cartons into cases and features next generation electronic motion controls to maximize machine flexibility, speed, and simplicity. This dramatically enhances changeover repeatability and simplifies fault detection and recovery and the addition of future product sizes. Customizable motion profiles contribute to superior product and case handling. The Axiom® IM operates at speeds to 45 cases per minute (application dependent). OMAC Packaging Guidelines standards-based connectivity and an IEC conforming software structure makes the Axiom® IM PackML- and PackTags-ready.

The Invex® 3S Case Packer will pack flow wrapped packages into cases at speeds to 17 cases per minute. Douglas Invex® Case Packers are intended to give customers access to Douglas Machine attributes -- flexibility, repeatability, durability, product handling knowhow, reduced parts count, and ease of maintenance – but in an economical, more compact footprint. The Invex® 3S incorporates the electronic motion control functionalities of a Douglas Axiom® IM Case Packer. Electronic motion controls benefit the end user by providing smooth, quiet operation, reduced maintenance time and cost, and fewer jams. Motors are more adaptable to run a wider range of products and give fast, repeatable changeovers because motors are readily programmed. OMAC Packaging Guidelines standards-based connectivity and an IEC conforming software structure makes the Invex® 3S PackML- and PackTags-ready.

Attendees are invited to visit Douglas Machine Inc. at Booth #S-2223. For more information, call 320.763.6587 or visit www.douglas-machine.com.

About Douglas Machine Inc.

Founded in 1964, Douglas Machine Inc. is recognized as a global leader in automated packaging solutions for paperboard, corrugated, and shrink-film. Today the company specializes in the design and manufacture of cartoners, sleeves, case and tray packers, and shrink-wrap systems. Customers from many different markets including food, beverage, personal care, and pharmaceutical, have come to rely on Douglas' automation expertise and value-added services to maximize their throughput. Douglas Machine Inc. is based in Alexandria, Minnesota USA.