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News Release

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Indianapolis Star ready to roll with new system from Harland Simon

Gannett Publishing Services on behalf of The Indianapolis Star, IN, (anchor publication of the Pulliam Production Center) has awarded Harland Simon a contract to replace their Jervis Web Roll Handling system which allows for the maintenance of an inventory of newspaper rolls within the warehouse, storage bins and roll preparation areas. The system upgrade ensures rolls can be delivered to the reel pans in a timely manner.



The project involves the complete replacement of the application software servers, with Harland Simon's own roll handling system. Using off-the-shelf hardware instead of proprietary parts for the upgrade ensures that support and replacement components will be readily available locally and at competitive prices.

To enable the publication to spread the costs of the project over a number of financial cycles, the new roll handling system will be integrated with the current induction and roll preparation stations. To allow for a staged upgrade, the current roll retriever robots will be retained initially whilst the most critical system parts will be replaced early on to safeguard against component failure. The new system will maintain interfaces with the MAN Roland Pecom press controls and splicer system as well as Abitrol for stock and billing control. Replacing the Burr-Brown HMIs by ruggedized hand-held windows tablet devices will give The Star's roll handlers the flexibility to control the system from any location. Removing the reliance on the old fixed position HMIs also gives the publication flexibility for future expansion.



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John Staiano Managing Director – Americas for Harland Simon commented, *“We are very excited about working with the Star over the coming years. This project follows a series of successful roll handling system upgrades we have carried out including the Aurosys replacement in 2013 at the Des Moines Register, another Gannett site.”*

The project is scheduled for completion early in the 2nd quarter of 2016.

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About Harland Simon

Harland Simon is one of the world’s leading supplier of newspaper press control and management systems. With its roots going back to 1915, the company has been providing innovative, user-friendly and reliable solutions to the newspaper printing industry for over thirty years, from ‘turnkey’ systems for new presses to cost effective upgrades on existing presses.

Utilizing the benefits of industry-standard hardware and software platforms, Harland Simon offers a complete range of products and solutions including press drives and controls as well as associated computer management systems and production tools. It’s an approach that Harland Simon has used on many occasions previously on systems supplied by Goss, Rockwell Automation, KBA, Honeywell, EAE and manroland to improve performance, minimize waste and maximize production quality whilst keeping presses in daily production.