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#### **Gannett Publishing Services contract with Harland Simon for Press and Drive Control Upgrades at Louisville, KY and Jackson, TN.**

Gannett Publishing Services (GPS) have selected Harland Simon to replace their EAE Press and Indramat Drive Controls on KBA Colora and Comet presses at their facilities in Louisville, KY and Jackson, TN.

The project upgrades the EAE frontend controls, including proprietary Desk PCs/Screens, Net PCs, Service PC and Info PCs. All of these will be replaced with off-the-shelf standard PC/Touchscreens and Allen-Bradley Logix PLCs – giving The Courier Journal, KY and The Jackson Sun, TN the ability to self-support their system going forward.

The upgrade is scheduled to begin 2nd quarter of 2017, at Jackson and 3rd quarter of 2017 at Louisville, with the press remaining in production throughout the upgrade process. The new Harland Simon system replaces EAE controls, and is based on off-the-shelf Allen-Bradley PLC hardware. The project includes replacement of the main press controls including the installation of two and ten 'latest generation' Prima 7000 operator consoles respectively. In addition, the latest workflow based Prima MS (Management Information System) will be installed, which has been developed in consultation with customers and covers topics such as edition performance, press performance, pre-setting accuracy and extensive reporting.

Furthermore, the current CLC drive control system will be upgraded to the latest Bosch Rexroth MLC controller, while still maintaining the current drives and motors. These can be upgraded later, drive-by-drive, if required over the next several years. To expand the capabilities for additional commercial opportunities at Jackson, the folder control system has been completely upgraded, by the replacement of the KT98 and KT94 obsolete controllers with Allen-Bradley PLCs, to support double delivery.

*"This project follows other successful EAE and KBA upgrades, most recently at Windsor Star, ON which also saw advantages of upgrading their EAE press controls in conjunction with their CLC Drive control system", said John Staiano, Harland Simon's Managing Director – Americas. "We are confident this upgrade will help GPS to continue to build on their growing commercial market in these areas."*

Harland Simon use Allen-Bradley Logix PLCs with RSlogics 5000 diagnostic software, available via the Harland Simon supplied maintenance PC, streamlining fault-finding procedures and allowing remote diagnostics and support via a VPN line. Using this same approach and hardware platforms, Harland



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Simon also completed similar successful projects at GPS's production facilities in: The Tennessean, TN; Desert Sun, CA; Des Moines Register, IA and most recently Arizona, AZ and Louisville, KY.

John Staiano further commented, *"Having just finished an Automatic Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS) upgrade in Louisville's mailroom, our team is looking forward to returning to the site."*

All of the equipment and technology will be delivered and installed without disruption to Louisville and Jackson's increasingly busy production schedules. Harland Simon has developed this system-replacement approach over the past 15 years for press facilities using Goss, KBA, EAE, Rockwell Automation, Honeywell, and manroland systems.

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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, KBA, EAE, Rockwell Automation, Honeywell, and manroland to improve performance, minimize waste and maximize production quality whilst keeping presses in daily production.

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