



## Press release

# Konica Minolta's Printgroove POD suite for efficient workflow management now complete

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**Under the motto "Scale up" Konica Minolta sets new standards not only in monochrome and colour production printing systems but also with high-performance end-to-end workflow solutions such as the Printgroove POD suite. This comprehensive software solution ensures simple, streamlined work processes which increase the overall productivity of central reprographic departments (CRDs), print providers and commercial digital printers.**

Konica Minolta's Printgroove POD software suite now consists of four modules – POD Serve, POD Guide, POD Ready and POD Queue – designed to automate processes in production printing environments. The first module – POD Queue – has been on the market since June 2007; POD Serve and POD Guide were launched in January 2008. Now the fourth module – Printgroove POD Ready – has arrived to complete the Printgroove POD software suite. The four modules comprising the Printgroove POD suite work together to enable efficient workflow management and a 24/7 availability of CRDs or commercial print shops.

The solution developed by Konica Minolta provides standardised, user-friendly mapping of the entire workflow. It covers the whole printing process from job submission and shipping down to invoice generation, providing a seamless link between the various systems used in a production printing environment. As the software suite is individually configurable, it can be adapted to any customer



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requirements and routines. Thanks to its modular structure and seamlessly integrating components, customers admire the benefits of a software suite that grows with their needs.

The Printgroove POD Serve module is an online store front available at any time, while POD Guide manages and monitors the entire suite to ensure optimal workflow. The new module – Printgroove POD Ready – is an easy-to-use make-ready solution: apart from editing chapters, pages and individual documents it also integrates impositioning.

POD Queue, the first Printgroove module to go on the market, performs highly efficient queuing tasks: it manages incoming print jobs and allocates them to the available output device. At the same time it monitors the system's status in terms of finishing equipment and supplies. Bottlenecks can be detected and neutralised early on.

“The Printgroove POD software suite helps to simplify work processes in production printing, an environment which is becoming more complex and diverse all the time,” says Achim Ricks, Product Manager at Konica Minolta Business Solutions Europe. “Together with the new POD Ready we have a complete solution for streamlining processes from job submission and make-ready down to invoicing and delivery. Controlled processes ensure efficient and simplified workflow management and print production. And ease of use is an important characteristic common to all Printgroove POD suite modules.”



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## Press photos



The customer places an order via Printgroove POD Serve. This can be done at any time – the online store front is available 24/7.



The print shop receives the order inclusive job ticket and the operator selects the appropriate workflow for the desired product.



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The job is prepared for printing – this step is aided by the Printgroove POD Ready module.



Printgroove POD Queue automatically selects the output device that best matches the desired print job.



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Additional products like folders or CD-ROMs are produced and added to the final product.



The product is completed and packaged for shipping to the customer. The invoice is enclosed.



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“Scale up” is Konica Minolta’s motto for its great strides towards a leading role in the production printing segment.



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