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**AMGRAPH Packaging, Inc. Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
With New “Green Plant” Expansion Nearing Completion  
Including Green Printing and Increased Capabilities**

VERSAILLES, CT, April 10, 2009 – Versailles, CT-based AMGRAPH Packaging, Inc., a leading supplier of flexible packaging to the food, health & beauty, seed, lawn care, and pharmaceutical industries, announced the Company will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the opening of its “Green Plant” expansion later this year. The new building – which adds 50% more operating space and new printing, laminating, extruding, and slitting capabilities – will incorporate LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification principles in its design underscoring the Company’s commitment to environmental stewardship.

“We’re excited about the upcoming completion of our ‘Green Plant’ for a number of reasons,” said Kenneth A. Fontaine, President & C.E.O. of AMGRAPH. “First, it will enable us to better service the needs of our customers as they seek new ways to meet their goals for sustainable packaging. Equally important, however, we are pleased to further realize our vision for operating a plant that truly embodies our Company’s commitment to the planet.”

“Since our inception, we’ve built a reputation for environmental stewardship. We have always backed our commitment with ongoing capital investment in our facility, operations, personnel, and processes. Through our ‘Green Plant’ expansion, our

customers, employees, and our neighbors can rest assured we are doing everything in our power to operate a clean and healthy plant,” Fontaine continued. A Grand Opening for the Green Plant is planned for later this year.

### **Improved Capabilities in Printing, Slitting, and Extruding**

As part of the Green Plant expansion, AMGRAPH has invested heavily in new equipment, including a new printing press, multiple slitters, and a new adhesive laminator and cold seal application line, in addition to expanding its extrusion line. All the new equipment is up and running as the expansion is nearing completion. New capabilities include:

- The installation of Rotomec’s MW 80 minimum waste high-performance rotogravure web press, which combines the sensitivity of web handling with the ability to process the full spectrum of materials needed in the flexible packaging industry, papers, light gauge films, and unsupported foil. This new press enables AMGRAPH to meet customers’ needs in terms of expanded volume and printing materials, while reduced waste exceed industry standards for sustainability. This is the first and only press in North America that utilizes Gravure water based inks in line with Electron Beam coatings. The press is designed to change the way the industry thinks about Gravure printing as it is capable of handling the spectrum of short to long run items. As part of our “green” initiative this press incorporates the latest in sleeve technology, which reduces the amount of heavy raw materials used to produce current Gravure cylinders. This technology allows AMGRAPH to insert printing sleeves that weigh approximately 4 pounds rather than the traditional cylinders which weigh hundreds of pounds. Numerous automated process controls were added to the press to reduce the variation known in manual adjustments.
- Rotomec’s CL850 Laminator, a high-speed, energy efficient laminator that delivers high-quality, in-line production of complex laminates at a lower operational cost, while reducing waste. The new laminator features dual-drying technology which both speeds drying time and reduces energy use by 30%. The CL850 has the ability to not only adhesive laminate but pattern apply registered cold seal to a variety of substrates.
- Catbridge’s Slitter, which gives AMGRAPH the latest technology to hold tight slitting specifications for industries that have narrow width and repeat tolerances. These slitters apply the latest in laser alignment technology which ensures we meet our customers’ critical tolerances every time.
- And AMGRAPH has installed a new extrusion line featuring closed-loop and web tension controls that are automatically making adjustments “on-the-fly” for a more consistent package profile.
- AMGRAPH’s sister company Midagraphics, Inc., is a full service electronic prepress service house. Services range from graphic art production to color

correction and contract digital proofing on the structure of choice. Gravure, Flexo and Offset services are available along with onsite direct to plate technology, utilizing closed-loop color systems to ensure that all your graphics can be reproduced on any press and deliver a product that matches the digital proof.

“The new machinery will enable AMGRAPH to deliver an even better product, more quickly than ever before,” stated Fontaine. “We stake our reputation on the quality of our delivered product, and our ability to maintain the strictest tolerances so that our packaging operates smoothly and efficiently on our clients’ machinery. These new machines expand our capabilities in terms of quality, while enabling us to meet our clients’ increasing needs for printing on different types of materials.”

**About AMGRAPH Packaging, Inc.**

Founded in 1984, AMGRAPH Packaging, Inc. is a leading supplier and pioneer of high-quality flexible packaging using lithographic, flexographic and rotogravure printing combined with electron beam technology to the retail food, food service, condiment, health & beauty, tobacco, seed, lawn care, and pharmaceutical industries, worldwide. Headquartered in Versailles, Connecticut, the Company maintains an ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and delivering sustainable packaging to its global customers. Additional Company information is available at [www.amgraph.com](http://www.amgraph.com).