

## **News Release**



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### **Anderson & Vreeland Acquires The Provident Group in Expansion Move to Better Serve the Flexo Industry**

Bryan, OH: Anderson & Vreeland today announced the acquisition of The Provident Group, a leading manufacturer and distributor of doctor blades, end seals and innovative solutions for the flexographic printing industry. The acquisition is part of Anderson & Vreeland's on-going effort to provide continuous improvement in product offering, service and support for its North American customers.

"Provident Group's technical expertise and patented innovation in the doctor blade and end seal field allows us to better serve customers throughout North America in one bold move," noted Howard Vreeland, Jr., Chairman of the Board for Anderson & Vreeland, Inc. "Our customers will benefit from an expanded manufacturing footprint, talent pool, and knowledge base," added Vreeland.

The Provident Group was founded by industry veterans Mark Van Denend and David Allen in 1996 and specialized in developing innovative solutions for package and label printers. The company owns numerous patents that improve doctor blade and end seal performance, including Chamber Wrap, an innovation that protects the doctor blade chamber from ink build up, greatly reducing clean-up time and solvent usage.

“Anderson & Vreeland’s acquisition of The Provident Group represents a win/win for both our organizations, and more importantly for our customers,” noted David Allen. “We will continue to develop new and improved solutions for label and package printers backed by the finest technical support.”

The Provident Group will operate independently as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Anderson & Vreeland, Inc. The company has 16 employees and a manufacturing and sales/warehouse facility in Englewood, Colorado. David Allen will remain with the company in charge of sales and Mark Van Denend will serve in a consulting capacity and continue to develop innovations for the pressroom.

Founded in 1961, Anderson & Vreeland has earned an international reputation as a leading provider of flexo prepress solutions for the graphic arts industry. The company offers a “systems” approach to conducting business by evaluating a customer’s needs and offering the best solutions in the form of equipment, materials, training, and technology tailored for each customer.

A&V supports these solutions with over 50 years of experience and a staff of technical sales representatives thoroughly knowledgeable about the fine

points of flexo. The company's substantial flexo experience and technical support sets it apart from other prepress suppliers. This experience and support results in smoother and easier integration of technical advancements affecting flexo prepress.

Anderson & Vreeland serves the United States, Canada, and Mexico with sales warehouses strategically located throughout North America. For more information visit [www.AndersonVreeland.com/ProvidentGroup](http://www.AndersonVreeland.com/ProvidentGroup).

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