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GBC merges with ACCO

MISSISSAUGA—General Binding Corporation (GBC) is merging with ACCO, a U.S.-based provider of office products owned by Fortune Brands. The newly created company will be called Acco Brands Corporation and is expected to have combined revenues of US\$2 billion. It will combine ACCO's office supplies lines with GBC's GBC and Quartet brands. At the same time, Fortune Brands will spin off its ACCO unit. Completion of the simultaneous spin off and merger, including all regulatory and shareholder approvals, is expected this summer. There is no word yet how the merger will impact GBC operations in Canada.

MAN Roland to distribute Ryobi

VAUGHAN, ON—MAN Roland has announced that it is now the sole distributor of Ryobi presses in Canada. Canadian printers who purchase Ryobi presses will be covered by MAN Roland's sales and service organization.

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Printcrafters buys Westcan in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG—Printcrafters, a commercial shop specializing in book and magazine printing recently acquired Westcan Printing Group. Printcrafters president and CEO Bob Payne, says Westcan will operate as a stand alone shop for the time being, but plans to bring the two operations under one roof in the future. The combined company now has 120 employees and is expected to have sales of approximately \$18 million. Printcrafters' previous annual sales were about \$13 million.

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Delta in Ottawa acquired by Nashville in Quebec

OTTAWA—Delta Printing has been acquired by Nashville Printing & Reproduction near Montreal. Former owner Claude Choquette has retired and his son, Victor, has taken on the role of general manager and president for the company under new ownership. Choquette says the shop hasn't missed a beat since the takeover and will likely be servicing more of the Quebec market now. Delta has approximately 65