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***SPENCERLAB PUBLISHES LARGE-FORMAT COMPARATIVE STUDY:
EPSON STYLUS PRO 9000 vs. HP DESIGNJET 3800CP PRINTER
THROUGHPUT SPEED PERFORMANCE & COST-PER-PRINT***

Melville, NY, November 29, 1999 — The *SpencerLab* Digital Color Laboratory, a division of Spencer & Associates Publishing, Ltd., announced publication of a comparative study of Throughput Speed Performance and Cost-per-Print of two significant, new large-format color inkjet printers. The study compared the Epson Stylus Pro 9000 with the HP DesignJet 3800CP printer.

SpencerLab performed independent comparative testing and analysis of the 44-inch wide Epson Stylus Pro 9000 and the 54-inch wide HP DesignJet 3800CP large-format inkjet printers. Both printers were driven by versions of the external Fiery X2 RIP, by Electronics for Imaging. The Stylus Pro 9000 was evaluated with its optional RS-5100 Fiery X2 RIP, while the HP DesignJet 3800CP includes the Fiery X2-CP RIP. Testing and analysis covered the areas of Throughput Speed Performance at comparable print quality modes and ink Cost-per-Print. Although the study was sponsored by Hewlett-Packard Company, *SpencerLab* conducted independent testing and analysis using test documents selected from the *SpencerLab* Printer Test Suite, now in Beta, under its own established procedures.

The study report is available free in PDF format at <http://www.spencerlab.com> on the World Wide Web.

SpencerLab, an independent digital color test laboratory, provides product test and evaluation services to developers, manufacturers, and vendors of color printers, color management systems, and other digital color peripherals. Services include test and analysis of print quality, throughput speed performance, cost-per-print, and ease-of-use for color printers in every technology class, from personal inkjets to commercial digital color presses. In addition, *SpencerLab* provides benchmark test suites that standardize and facilitate evaluation of print quality, throughput speed, and consumable cost.

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