**Canon Europe and Tecnau announce availability of Zero Speed Splicer for the Océ ColorStream 3000 series**

**LONDON, 7 April 2015 –** [Canon](http://www.canon.co.uk/) and Tecnau are pleased to announce the availability of the new Tecnau Zero Speed Splicer u40 in combination with the Océ ColorStream 3000 series of digital production printers. The Splicer u40 eliminates printer stoppages due to roll changeover, increasing printer uptime and productivity to maximise the user’s investment in high-speed continuous-web digital colour printing.

Printer stoppages due to roll changeover can last from five to fifteen minutes. With today’s fast printers having the ability to process a roll within an hour, downtime percentages due to roll changes can accumulate up to 25%. With the Zero Speed Splicer u40, this downtime is virtually eliminated.

Tecnau and Canon have collaborated to ensure that the total line is highly integrated to minimise operator intervention, paper waste and printer downtime. When the roll is about to run out, the u40 automatically splices the old roll to the leading edge of the new roll, while the printer automatically raises the inkjet heads into safe position to eliminate any risk of head damage. As soon as the splice exits the printer, the Océ ColorStream 3000 automatically restarts printing, ramping to maximum speed. The intelligence developed between the Splicer u40 and the Océ ColorStream 3000 reduces operator intervention to a minimum for both roll loading and printer splice accommodation, offering new levels of production efficiency.

The first successful installations of the Zero Speed Autosplicer u40 have been completed at two of Canon’s major customers.

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