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GED's Improved Smart 3550 i-3 Oven/Roll Press Simplifies Production of Laminated Impact-Resistant & Standard IG Units

Twinsburg, OH – December 01, 2006 — At the touch of a button, window manufacturers can now access up to ten pre-programmed oven/press preset configurations with the improved Smart 3550 i-3 IG Oven/Roll Press from GED Integrated Solutions.

The new presets ensure the correct IR lamp configuration, conveyor speed and IG Press setting for the manufacture of hurricane-code impact-resistant laminated glass or standard IG units. This allows manufacturers to apply more infrared energy to the laminated glass side of the IG unit to compensate for the thicker glass and PVB interferences.

In addition to the ability to pre-program ten formulation settings, manufacturers can still run the Smart i-3 Oven/Roll Press in automatic mode — where speed and emitters stay constant and sensors automatically adjust the press according to glass width. Operators can also control all the setting variables manually. The operator software is easy to use and available in both English and Spanish.

"These improvements now give window manufacturers the full flexibility to manufacture both standard and laminated impact-resistant IG units accurately and at uninterrupted high speed with the most efficient high-intensity infrared emitters in the industry," notes Ron Auletta, CEO and president of GED. "The Smart 3550 i-3 Oven/Roll Press delivers energy savings while ensuring even heating across the length and width of every unit."

Additionally, the Smart 3550 i-3 Oven/Roll Press now has the ability to recognize and utilize both metric and inch dimensions. In recognition of its proven design and manufacturing capabilities, the Smart 3550 i-3 has been awarded CE certification.

As a part of GED's complete line of glass and window fabrication products, the Smart 3550 i-3 Oven/Roll Press is backed by the company's leading training and support services. For more information on the Smart 3550 i-3 Oven/Roll Press, call (330) 963-5401 or visit www.gedusa.com

About GED Integrated Solutions

GED Integrated Solutions manufactures fully integrated insulating glass and vinyl window and door fabrication systems including the revolutionary Intercept® i-3 IG spacer frame production system. The company's i-3 platform works with LeanNet communications software to integrate every facet of a plant's operation, increasing profit and getting orders out the door faster. GED's commitment to innovation that addresses its customers' needs is evidenced by the fact that 17 of the top 20 manufacturers utilize GED's equipment and software solutions.

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Photo caption: GED's improved Smart 3550 i-3 Oven/Roll Press features the ability to pre-program up to ten different formulations (settings) at the touch of a button.