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ARKWRIGHT RECERTIFIED UNDER ISO-14001 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Sihl's USA manufacturing arm, Arkwright, has been recertified by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Limited (LRQA) as compliant with the ISO standards for Environmental Management. This follows Arkwright's recertification by LRQA for its compliance with ISO-9001 Quality Management Standards earlier this year. *"Certification and compliance with the ISO standards for quality and environmental management is one of the corporate policies that bind together our Group's factories in the United States, Switzerland, Germany, France and Italy," said Phil Hursh, CEO for Sihl's American operations. "Managing our operations according to these standards, which are intended to ensure consistent product quality, produced by facilities that operate within the full body and spirit of environmental regulation, is one of the things that sets us apart from many of our competitors."* Arkwright has been ISO-9001 and ISO-14001 certified without interruption since the years 1994 and 1998.

About Arkwright ... tracing its origins to the year 1810, Arkwright has more than two centuries of continuous manufacturing history at its Rhode Island location. In that time, Arkwright has continuously transformed itself, from water-powered textile mill, to today's advanced manufacturing center for the production of specially coated films and papers used primarily in digital printing.

About Sihl ... starting from a first paper mill in 1471 on the Sihl River near Zurich, Switzerland, the company has evolved and grown through acquisition to become a world leading source for a variety of specialty coated substrates including films and papers for inkjet, toner, thermal, and thermal transfer printing for myriad applications including tickets, labels, photography, fine-art publishing, signage, displays, and point-of-sale advertising. The breadth of activities covered by the Sihl brand is why we call ourselves "THE Coating Company".

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