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**SKAGIT PUBLISHING CONVERTS TO COMPUTER TO PLATE.**

**Mount Vernon, Washington, January 30, 2009**– The Skagit Publishing company has contracted with Southern Lithoplate Inc., to convert from the use of conventional analog plates to Computer to Plate (CtP) using thermal plate technology.

This conversion is part of a planned expansion into a new production facility and the use of a Manugraph DGM Inc. single wide press. The conversion to CtP will be enabled by the installation of a SCREEN NEWS 2000S plate-make, an in-line Proteck 105 processor and Southern Lithoplates Viper® 830 thermal lithoplates.

Tom Blumenshine Production Director stated “we are anticipating that we will achieve both cost savings and improved quality with the conversion to CtP. This will be a benefit for our advertisers and commercial print customers as well as the newspaper”

Steve Mattingly, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Southern Lithoplate stated that “these are exciting times for Skagit Publishing as they move into their new facility and implement their new press. We are pleased to be able to support the effort with proven plate technology”.

**About Southern Lithoplate, Inc., ([www.slp.com](http://www.slp.com))**

Southern Lithoplate Inc., headquartered in North Carolina, specialized in the manufacture, distribution, and service of analog and digital plates and associated products for targeted print markets. Southern Lithoplate enjoys a reputation for Quality, Value and Performance throughout the world. Southern Lithoplate provides customers with a

full array of high quality, value priced products. Southern Lithoplate's service infrastructure is designed to exceed the needs of their customer markets. Our state-of-the art

manufacturing facilities are located in Jackson Tennessee, and near the world renowned Research Triangle Park in North Carolina, USA.

**About Skagic Publishing. ([www.skagitpublishing.com](http://www.skagitpublishing.com))**

Skagic Publishing is a family owned company headquartered in Mount Vernon, WA. The company provides general news, and local news and community information in print and on-line. Circulation is approximately 17,600 copies daily. Skagit Publishing also has a controlling interest in Pioneer Newspapers, a Seattle based company with daily and weekly publications in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Utah

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