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## **New Shop Towel Bagging System Unveiled** **Hands free systems bags nearly 5000 towels per hour**

(Akron, OH) September 27, 2007 – Advanced Poly-Packaging, Inc. and Ergocon Solutions LLC announced the release of the Hands Free Towel Inspection and Packaging System\*.

The system brings automation and lower production costs for laundered towel packaging and is the first towel bagging system that is “hands free”.

Bulk towels are placed in a large hopper (250 lb capacity) and conveyed individually upward to a horizontal inspection conveyor. The towels are then counted electronically as they are dropped into an open bag that is sealed and conveyed to a container for shipping. The entire system is operated by a single person and controlled by touch-screen interface on the T-1000.

The Hands Free Towel Inspection and Packaging System\* offers several distinct advantages over competitive brands:

- Faster Speeds – up to 4800 pieces per operator hour
- Minimal Effort – Operator only picks up imperfections; user-friendly machine interface; floor level loading by sling, life table or by hand transfer from a cart
- Increased Safety – No hand feeding eliminates repetitive motion injuries; floor level sitting or standing operation
- Improved Quality – Operator focuses on inspection, not feeding the next towel
- Flexible – Compact system that can be operated in a number of configurations to fit the space available

“You won’t find a more cost-effective way to bag towels than you will with this system,” said Advanced Poly-Packaging Vice President of Sales Stuart Baker. “It’s fast, easy and allows the option to use a light duty operator with minimal training on what is considered a ‘good’ towel.”

The system improves the quality of delivered towels because operators are able to devote their entire focus on inspection rather than feeding towels into the machine. The size and overall design of the system allows it to be operated by people with a variety of special needs since operators can work on foot or seated and with many light duty medical designations.

“We are dedicated to ergonomically considerate solutions for the textile rental industry

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to help satisfy the labor management needs of our customers,” said Ergocon Manager Annette Feller. “We are delighted to be working with Advanced Poly-Packaging who, our research indicated, is the most capable packaging equipment manufacturer in the world. We also believe that Advanced Poly’s sales and service staff members add tremendous value for the end users of the system.”

The Hands Free Towel Inspection and Packaging System\* is available exclusively through Advanced Poly-Packaging, Inc.

“It’s not only a great solution for people in the textile industry, but proves that the T-1000 is capable of so many applications,” said Baker.

The system is comprised of an infeed hopper conveyor, pick conveyor and inspection conveyor (developed by Ergocon Solutions) as well as a counting and bagging system (developed by Advanced Poly-Packaging, Inc.).

“The system works equally well for shop towels, bar towels, hand towels, printer towels and microfiber towels,” said Feller. “It is capable of packaging shop towels in bags of 50 and other towels in large quantities as well.”

More information about the Hands Free Towel Inspection and Packaging System\* is available at:

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## **About Advanced Poly**

Advanced Poly-Packaging, Inc., a leader in the manufacturing of packaging machinery and poly bags, offers a complete line of bagging and auxiliary equipment that includes tabletop baggers, production bagging machines and fully automated custom bagging systems for a wide range of packaging solutions in the medical, pharmaceutical, hobby/craft, jewelry, fastener, tool and other industries. In operation since 1979, the company's capabilities include film extrusion, flexographic printing, graphic design and poly bag conversion to produce custom high-quality poly bags. The company produces custom bagging solutions offering its engineering, custom programming and technical service capabilities to customers. Advanced Poly-Packaging is headquartered in Akron, OH and coordinates European sales and distribution from a satellite office in England.

## **About Ergocon Solutions**

Ergocon Solutions LLC was born out of a laundry operators' need to find a way to save labor in the inspection and packaging of towels in a highly competitive market. We are and will remain dedicated to finding ergonomically considerate solutions to production process challenges. Ergocon Solutions is headquartered in Aurora, OR.

*\* patent pending*