

DRYTAC EUROPE PURCHASE HOT PRESS

Drytac Europe, the UK's leading manufacturer of laminates and adhesives have announced their acquisition of **Tullis Russell Hot Press** (formerly known as Hot Press), with immediate effect from 14th June 2004.

Hot Press is the manufacturer of the unique and world renowned glass top vacuum presses; Hot Press also distributes a wide and comprehensive range of consumables into the framing industry.

Announcing the take over of Hot Press, Drytac Europe's Operations Director Dr Bob Wright said: "We are very excited about what this means for both Drytac and Hot Press, and customers of both can be assured of the many benefits this acquisition will bring. Hot Press, a distributor with an outstanding reputation in the framing market, is seen by Drytac as a perfect fit with it's existing business. We will be assuming management control and Hot Press will continue to operate as a separate company, retaining all current contact details for both existing and future customers. As the major supplier of consumables to Hot Press, this closer association provides stronger links to Drytac and also assures the long term success of vacuum press manufacturing and the development of new products for the custom picture framer."

Drytac Europe, who were recently accredited with ISO 9001:2000 for it's entire management systems, will oversee the Hot Press manufacturing and sales functions from Hot Press's Northampton location. Contact numbers for Hot Press remain unchanged: - to contact Hot Press, call their sales team on +44 (0) 1604 495444, visit www.hotpress.co.uk or email info@hotpress.co.uk

Both Hot Press and Drytac customers can be assured of the high level of customer service and technical support that they are used to. For further information, call the Customer Service Team on 0845 070 0660 (or +44 (0)117 958 6500), visit www.drytac.com or email bristol@drytac.com

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