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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **APPLETON'S NCR PAPER BRAND XERO/FORM II CERTIFIED FOR USE ON KONICA MINOLTA'S bizhub PRO 1050, 920 and C500**

#### ***Xero/Form II Enables Konica Minolta's bizhub PRO Production Devices to Produce Multi-Part Forms Safely***

**RAMSEY, N.J. – April 26, 2006** – Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc. (Konica Minolta) today announced that Appleton's NCR PAPER brand\* Xero/Form® II carbonless has been certified for use on Konica Minolta's bizhub PRO 1050, bizhub PRO 920 and bizhub PRO C500 production print MFPs. Evaluated and approved by Konica Minolta's National System Support Group, Xero/Form II is the first and only carbonless paper that has passed the rigorous environmental testing criteria developed by Konica Minolta's engineering team.

Appleton's Xero/Form II has been specifically formulated to handle the unique requirements of toner-based digital production print devices without damaging the technology. This digital print-friendly, carbonless paper enables Konica Minolta bizhub PRO customers to produce multi-part forms safely, filling a need that was once only handled by offset presses.

"Our Xero/Form II carbonless paper is made with an exclusive formulation designed to perform well on toner-based digital printing devices without causing equipment harm, making our paper and Konica Minolta's bizhub PRO 1050, 920 and C500 a perfect combination for the quick, easy and trouble-free production of multi-part forms," said Mark Moorhead, marketing manager, carbonless sheets, Appleton. "Now, bizhub PRO 1050, 920 and C500 customers can virtually eliminate lead time, allowing forms to be printed on demand in JIT quantities — a service the market is now demanding."

"We are always looking for advanced product solutions that complement and enhance the communication offerings of our bizhub brand of devices and that respond to our customers' business workflow needs," said Kevin P. Kern, vice president, product planning and development, Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc. "Appleton's Xero/Form II carbonless paper enables Konica Minolta customers to control the production of their multi-part forms and connect with a market segment that was once only accessible to offset print providers."

### **Xero/Form II Availability**

Produced in the United States, Appleton's Xero/Form II has exceptional nationwide availability through authorized NCR PAPER brand merchants, providing Konica Minolta customers with quick access to a wide variety of paper sizes and collations. In addition, Appleton offers its "Special Making Express" program, allowing customers to customize their forms needs. Xero/Form II also offers an unconditional satisfaction guarantee, including a product and equipment warranty that covers both color and monochrome production print equipment.

### **About Appleton**

Appleton uses ideas that make a difference to create product solutions through its development and use of coating formulations and applications, encapsulation technology, and specialized and secure print services. It produces carbonless, thermal, security and performance packaging products. Appleton is headquartered in Appleton, Wisconsin, and has manufacturing operations in Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and the United Kingdom. Appleton employs approximately 3,400 people, and is 100 percent employee owned. For more information, please visit Appleton at [www.appletonideas.com](http://www.appletonideas.com).

### **About Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc.**

Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc., offers a broad range of multifunctional digital imaging solutions inspired by its bizhub™ brand of powerful solutions that serve as the central resource for document scanning, in-house printing, copying, faxing and electronic archiving and distribution. From high-quality color and monochrome bizhub systems for workgroups and small offices, to advanced high-volume bizhub PRO™ production printing systems for large corporations and print-for-pay services, Konica Minolta is leading the industry toward integrated, networked hardware/software solutions that are more simple, reliable, and cost-effective. Complementing its bizhub solutions, Konica Minolta also offers desktop laser printers, microform digital imaging systems, wide-format printers and scanning systems for specialized applications.

Headquartered in Ramsey, New Jersey, Konica Minolta delivers expert professional services and experienced, responsive client support, in addition to the world-class service provided through its extensive network of direct sales offices, authorized dealers, resellers and distribution partners in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America and South America. For more information, please visit Konica Minolta at [www.kmbs.konicaminolta.us](http://www.kmbs.konicaminolta.us).

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