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Pan-Oston Installs Innovative Self-Checkout Solution

Morgantown, KY – January 23, 2007 – Pan-Oston today announced the installation of their Utopia™ self checkout solution at an IGA store located in Morgantown, KY.

With the Utopia Solution™, retailers will experience a never before seen innovation that allows them to operate their checkout lanes in either an attended or non-attended mode. The conversion takes place within minutes with no impact to the existing front end layout or merchandising configuration.

Pan-Oston's Utopia Solution™ presents a unique approach to the self checkout marketplace through a complete customization of software, hardware, cabinet design and user interface. Enhanced features such as biometric authentication for store attendant access and transaction management through attendant controlled mobile handheld devices enable the retailer to provide their customers with a better self checkout experience.

“We have exceeded the industries expectations but not our own with the successful implementation of Utopia™ in Morgantown,” proudly stated Jim Vance, President for Pan-Oston. “Our team has responded to the challenge of creating a unique and customizable self checkout solution. We have launched a ground breaking technology which will benefit both the retailer and consumer.”

For over 30 years, Pan-Oston has held the leadership role in the development and manufacturing of innovative checkout systems. Offering the most inventive millwork and metal retail solutions, Pan-Oston has custom engineered products to address specific market trends and the challenges which they present.

About Pan-Oston:

Pan-Oston Co. is a majority owned subsidiary of Houchens Industries with facilities in Bowling Green, Kentucky, Hiram, GA and Peterborough, Canada. Houchens Industries, headquartered in Bowling Green, is the largest employee owned (“ESOP”) company in the United States. Houchens, with approximately \$3 billion in annual sales and 10,000 employees has interests in grocery, tobacco, construction, insurance, recycling and manufacturing industries. www.panoston.com

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