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Pan-Oston installs first Convenience Store Self Scan!

December 26, 2007: Self-Scan innovation and convenience store history was made this week with the installation of the first ever Convenience Store Self-Scan integrated application. Pan-Oston, a recognized leader in custom solutions and technology integration for retail environments, is pleased to announce this significant development in our product offerings.

The **Utopia C-Store Self-Scan** installation, customized for Jr. Food Stores has generated significant consumer interest and acceptance. The system from Pan-Oston features the customized options of cash-back with purchase, customer pre-pay for gas inside the store, and fueling at the pump of their choice for up to 30 days.

Self-Scan technology is widely accepted in the retail environment, however until now, it has had limited application to convenience store customers. Jim Vance, Pan-Oston President, states *"We are pleased to have partnered with Jr. Food Stores in this cutting edge development. While traditional counter checkouts will continue to be available, being able to offer the convenience store customer a self-checkout option is exciting. Integrating this technology with a pre-payment fuel pump option is revolutionary."*



Shown above is the Utopia C-Store Self-Scan at Jr. Food Stores.

Stephen Reed, Director of Operations, Houchens Industries noted *"We are very excited to enhance the service level to our customers through the Self-Scan process. Customers benefit by being able to get what they need quickly, efficiently, and more conveniently than ever before."*

The **Utopia** Convenience Self-Scan operates Point of Sale (POS) independent and can be easily retrofitted for use with any new or existing convenience store counter application. The benefits are: utilization within the current store footprint, use of existing POS hardware, increased cash security, and an improved customer experience by allowing them an easy and rapid in store purchase.

The **Utopia** Self-Scan lineup of products is an open architecture platform allowing for ease of integration to existing point of sale systems. It is the most customizable solution currently available in the industry. Offerings include customer specific models in either metal or wood cabinets. The system also offers a fully customizable User Interface Screen to maximize operational efficiencies and the customer experience. Customizations include such items as a store branded logo, color schemes, and on screen item selections. In addition biometric security access and multiple languages are available.

As a recognized and leading provider of custom interior wood and metal fixtures, shelving, and check-out technology, Pan-Oston is known for dedication to innovation and the engineering of in-store solutions. Committed to outstanding service, Pan-Oston has a significant network of trained and certified service technicians promoting rapid response and in-store service inclusive of a 24 hour service hotline. In addition, VPN monitoring is available to ensure maximum equipment uptime in support of customer's operational requirements. Through leadership in manufacturing, design, technology, customer service and product support, Pan-Oston clearly provides **"Best Value Delivered"** to our customer partners.

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