Funai acquiring Lexmark's inkjet-related technology and assets Monday, April 01, 2013 11:00:00 PM (GMT)

- Amount of sale is approximately \$100 million (approximately JPY 9.5 billion)
- Inkjet-related assets sold include more than 1,500 U.S. and foreign-based patents, output and imaging technologies, and manufacturing location in the Philippines
- Lexmark remains focused on its continued transition from a hardware-centric to a solutions-centric company

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 1, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Funai Electric Company, Ltd. (TSE/OSE 6839) today announced that it has signed an agreement to acquire Lexmark International, Inc.'s (NYSE: LXK) inkjet-related technology and assets for approximately \$100 million (approximately JPY 9.5 billion).

Upon closing of the transaction, Funai will acquire more than 1,500 inkjet patents, Lexmark's inkjet-related research and development assets and tools, all outstanding shares and the manufacturing facility of Lexmark International (Philippines), Inc., and other inkjet-related technologies and assets. Through this transaction, Funai will acquire the capabilities to develop, manufacture and sell inkjet hardware as well as inkjet supplies. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions and is expected to close within the first half of 2013.

As an OEM manufacturer, Funai has manufactured inkjet hardware for Lexmark since 1997 and the companies have established a strong relationship over that time.

The acquisition of the inkjet-related technology and assets will enable Funai to launch new inkjet hardware and supplies under Funai's own brands. Funai has established a strategy to develop and grow its inkjet printer business by introducing Funai's own inkjet printers and supplies into the market. With the inkjet patents, state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities and comprehensive R&D capabilities, Funai will be able to accelerate the expansion of its inkjet business.

For Lexmark customers and distributors, there will not be a disruption of service or support as they continue to work directly with Lexmark. Funai will become a manufacturer of Lexmark's aftermarket inkjet supplies. Lexmark will continue to support its installed base of customers in the sale of aftermarket inkjet supplies and will continue to provide customer technical and warranty support.

Goldman, Sachs & Company acted as the exclusive financial advisor to Lexmark on this transaction.

## **Supporting Quotes:**

"This transaction provides us with a crucial and tremendous opportunity to enhance our office solution business," said Funai president and chief executive officer, Tomonori Hayashi. "Funai and Lexmark have developed a great partnership, and we are glad to take over Lexmark's inkjet-related technology and assets. The acquisition of the inkjet-related technology and assets enables Funai to start and grow our own inkjet business. Funai will benefit from the strong inkjet business platform that Lexmark has established."

"As we continue our transition to becoming a leading end-to-end solutions provider, this transaction essentially completes our exit from the ownership of inkjet-related assets, although we will continue to support our existing customer base with the sale of inkjet supplies," said Paul Rooke, Lexmark chairman and chief executive officer. "Funai has been a trusted partner of Lexmark's since 1997, and I am fully confident in Funai's ability to deliver high-quality inkjet supplies for Lexmark."

## About Funai Electric Company, Ltd.

Funai Electric Company, Ltd., established in 1961, is headquartered in Osaka, Japan and is listed in the Tokyo and Osaka Securities Exchange First Section (6839). In addition to the consumer electronic product brands sold by FUNAI Corporation in the USA and the products sold by other FUNAI sales and marketing companies in Japan, Asia, Europe, and South America, Funai Electric Company, Ltd. is a major original equipment manufacturer (OEM) supplier for consumer electronics, computer, and computer peripheral companies on a global basis. For more information on the Funai group, please visit <a href="https://www.funaiworld.com">www.funaiworld.com</a>.

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