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Stampede's Wilkins Becomes U.S. Citizen

U.K.-Born Wilkins, in U.S. since '97, Now has Dual Citizenship

Amherst, NY, June 28, 2010 — Mark Wilkins, CEO of Stampede, the leading value-added distributor of presentation and home theater technology, today became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Wilkins was born in the U.K. and has resided in the U.S. since 1997 when he came here to start Stampede. As of today he will have dual citizenship in the U.S. and U.K.

Wilkins began his electronics career as a trainee electronic design engineer in 1979. From there he applied his technical, marketing and management skills in a variety of positions for some of the UK's top audio/visual companies. By 1991 Wilkins had become U.K. sales and marketing manager for Reflex Ltd, the UK's largest end-user reseller and system integrator of presentation technology.

In 1993 Reflex Ltd. launched a subsidiary, Maverick Presentation Products Ltd., the first specialty distributor for presentation technology in Europe. Due to its success, Maverick soon became a separate company with Wilkins as the managing director.

Within a few years, Wilkins identified an opportunity in the U.S. to duplicate the success that Maverick enjoyed in the U.K. Wilkins left the U.K. and launched Stampede Presentation Products in late 1997.

Since 1997, Stampede has grown to be the leading value-added distributor in the presentation and display market. In 2004, Wilkins and Kevin Kelly, also a Stampede executive, bought out the U.K. partner, with Wilkins taking the majority ownership. Headquartered in Buffalo, NY, with subsidiaries in Toronto, ON, and Miami, FL, Stampede is run by a management team headed by the company president, with Wilkins in a strategic role as the company CEO.

About Stampede

Known for its value-added distribution, Stampede is the leading distributor of presentation equipment including LCD/DLP projectors and flat panel displays. Stampede provides a complete range of brand name presentation equipment to a variety of audio/visual, computer, and home theater resellers and integrators in the United States, Canada and Latin America. These resellers rely on Stampede for value-added services in distribution, marketing and solution-based sales. Stampede annually produces the "Big Book of AV," a 656-page catalog and companion website (BigBookofAV.com) providing hundreds of sales, installation and spec tips for Stampede's dealers in addition to product details on more than 5,000 SKUs. For more information on Stampede, log onto StampedeGlobal.com.