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### **EVANS / EVCO COMPLETES VALUE STREAM MAPPING PROJECT**

Kansas City, Missouri, July 5, 2006 – Evans / EVCO, a leading distributor of commercial packaging products and converter / fabricator of industrial pressure sensitive materials, recently completed an extensive Value Stream Mapping project at its Kansas City facility, according to Company President Steve Shockey.

Evans / EVCO serves a wide variety of standard and customized needs for packaging materials, packaging equipment and pressure sensitive tape products in industry. The company's customer base is diverse and spread across a wide range of industrial categories.

Shockey said "the project aligns with the company's value proposition of understanding our customers' changing needs, delivering effective solutions, and continuously supporting our customers with the right services and products."

The project at Evans / EVCO was a combination of training for management and key employees and a real life application of Value Stream Mapping, a "Lean Enterprise" continuous improvement tool.

Using Value Stream Mapping is enabling the company to create a graphical representation of the value added and non value added actions in its current operation and a future state map to use as a guide to improving the company's processes.

Value Stream Mapping shows the flow of both material and information from raw materials through delivery of the final product to the customer.

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Based on the Value Stream Maps that were developed, Evans / EVCO is currently organizing employee teams to address areas of concern and to launch continuous improvement efforts, Shockey said.

Missouri Enterprise is a not-for-profit corporation that provides business and technical assistance to help Missouri companies succeed. It manages the Manufacturing Extension Partnership in Missouri, an Advanced Manufacturing Training Program (funded by a U.S. Department of Labor grant) a value added agriculture program and one of the state's Innovation Centers.

Missouri Enterprise Project Manager Steve Wheeler assisted Evans / EVCO during the project.