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## SHARP ELECTRONICS EUROPE ACQUIRES LONG-TERM BUSINESS PARTNER NEPA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS IN CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA

**London, 11 September 2015** - Sharp Electronics Europe has announced the acquisition of its long-term Czech Republic and Slovakia based printers and document solutions provider NEPA Business Solutions. The deal, which will reinforce Sharp's position in the Eastern European office printing market and expand its customer base, was finalised at the end of August.

As part of the acquisition, Sharp takes over 100% shares in NEPA Business Solutions Czech and NEPA Business Solutions Slovakia as well as all its employees to ensure a smooth transition for all customers.

Jun Ashida, President Information Systems of Sharp Electronics Europe said "This acquisition represents another step towards our goal of establishing a strong position on CEE markets and fits in perfectly with Sharp's European strategy. The transaction will lead to a growth in market share. NEPA Business Solutions was our long-term certified distributor so all its employees will be a valuable asset to Sharp."

Dušan GALA, Managing Director of NEPA Business Solutions, commented "For many years NEPA and Sharp Electronics Europe have been successfully functioning as business partners in office technology and its distribution in the Czech Republic and Slovakian markets. We are excited about today's news and look forward to being part of a world-class global organisation."

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