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The Davey Tree Expert Company Acquires Southeastern Reprographics, Inc.

The Davey Tree Expert Company has acquired Southeastern Reprographics, Inc. (SRI), an asset management firm headquartered in Alpharetta, Georgia. SRI will operate as an integral unit of the Davey Resource Group (DRG), the company's consulting division.

"Davey is committed to growth through investment in internal operations as well as acquisitions with such respected firms as SRI, said Karl Warnke, Davey president and CEO. The company's more than two decades of proven service make the company a most valuable addition to Davey."

According to Jack Smith, a SRI founding partner, the timing of the acquisition is right. "SRI needs the resources that DRG has in staffing, equipment, and purchasing power to stay competitive," he said. "SRI has grown to a point where we needed to make some major decisions. We have known the staff at Davey and DRG for many years, so it just seemed to be the right fit. Together we can take advantage of all the work that is out there."

Pat Covey, Davey executive VP and DRG general manager, believes the acquisition of SRI will expand DRG's opportunities in field mapping, map conversion, data integration and new services like automated meter reading implementation. "Field mapping, from collection to implementation, is increasingly important for outage management, engineering analysis and customer data maintenance," he said. "The SRI operations include GIS and IT expertise that completes our offerings," said Covey.

Southeastern Reprographics, Inc.(SRI) has provided field inventory and mapping services to the electric utility industry for over twenty-eight years specializing in GPS mapping and AM/FM/GIS production.

The Davey Tree Expert Company (www.davey.com) was founded in 1880 and has more than 6,000 employees. Its utility services division provides line clearance and vegetation management services throughout North America. The Davey Resource Group (DRG) is a division of Davey and provides clients with technical expertise, right-of-way management solutions, and the personnel and tools necessary to manage assets on the right-of-way.