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Readiris Pro 7, the I.R.I.S. OCR Software wins highly esteemed awards from leading publications around the world

Brussels, Belgium, March 14th, 2002 – I.R.I.S. (Image Recognition Integrated Systems), a publicly traded Belgian company (Euronext Brussels: IRI), leader in multi-lingual Optical Character Recognition (OCR), Automatic Document Reading, Electronic Document Management, announces today that Readiris Pro 7, one of the best selling OCR software, has received numerous important awards from international computer-leading publications.

Prestigious magazines such as PC World Belgium, Windows News, .net, Caractères, PC Magazine, Home PC, Décision Micro & Réseaux, Computer! Totaal, Micro Achat, Computer Arts, Computer Magazine, PC Direct, Computer Reseller News, PC N°1, ... reviewed Readiris Pro 7.

SVM



In France Readiris Pro 7 received from **SVM** in March 2002 a superb "**Five Stars**". "Readiris Pro 7 shows amazing OCR accuracy and speed, even a page badly oriented - the Readiris software rotates it automatically -, when a colour page contains stains or got badly scanned, or when you've got inverted text - light text printed on a dark background".

In January 2002 Readiris Pro 7 continued its trophy collection by earning a **15/20** from **PC Magazine**. PC Magazine quoted "I.R.I.S.'s OCR package is remarkable when you take its features and its price into consideration. The speed and the power of the character recognition ensure that this product can be used by the public at large."

PCmagazine

VERDICT **PCmagazine** **15/20**

Compte tenu de ses performances et surtout de son prix, le logiciel d'OCR de I.R.I.S. est remarquable. La rapidité et les performances de sa reconnaissance de caractères en font un produit de choix à destination du grand public.



.net the French Internet Magazine awarded Readiris Pro 7 in the January review by giving to the product **5 stars out of five**. "This software transforms the snapshot of an A4 page into a Word document that has the same layout as the source document in less than two minutes. Astounding!"



In January 2002 **Home PC France** reviewed 4 OCR solutions. Readiris Pro 7 ended the review with a **4.5 stars out of five** and the conclusion was "The OCR engine underwent some changes and is now even better at recognizing low quality documents. The image adjustment option allows you to improve the image quality without having to rescan the document. Finally, it is the only package compatible with all versions of Windows, including Windows XP."



In February 2002 Readiris Pro 7 received from **PC World Belgium** the most prestigious award: "**Best Buy five stars**". "At first sight a version without any spectacular novelties, but the software hides steady, fundamental improvements and a more professional calling."



In the March 2002 issue of **Windows News France**, Readiris Pro 7 received a **7,3/10**. The journalist concluded his review with "If the user interface doesn't turn you off, Readiris is a serious competitor for OmniPage. This software has its unarguable strong points and holds up as it handles the most difficult OCR jobs."



In the same magazine in February 2002, "The latest version of Readiris ups the ante when it comes to speed and accuracy. Automatic functions handle the page deskewing and optimize the images' contrast."



In The Netherlands in September 2001 the magazine **Computer! Totaal** quoted: "The scanning and recognition of an article from the Magazine run better. When the document gets scanned in grayscale or color, the software has little or no problems with the colored titles on the page."

Other European leading publications rewarded Readiris Pro 7



In September 2001, in Belgium, Readiris Pro 7 started its winning career by receiving the "**Best OCR software**" award from **PC World Belgium**. In the Netherlands, PC Active calls the software "recommended". In France, **SVM Mac** gives **4 mice** to Readiris Pro for Mac OS and titles: "An OCR engine with astonishing accuracy, a friendly user interface and the management of a lot of file formats: I.R.I.S. wakes up the too calm OCR world". In Spain, **Byte** gives **4 stars** to Readiris Pro for Windows for its technology, its efficiency and its easy installation.



I.R.I.S. is very proud of such a numerous trophy collection and is expecting other high esteemed recognition in the United States and Europe. This worldwide recognition has allowed I.R.I.S. to sell more than 8 million units so far. It will also reinforce the choice of leading scanner vendors such as Hewlett-Packard, Agfa, Teco, Panasonic and Sharp who integrate Readiris into their products.

After its introduction Readiris Pro 6 also received important awards from the international computer-leading magazines, here are a few examples:



About I.R.I.S.

Image Recognition Integrated Systems (I.R.I.S.), a Belgian company founded in 1987 and listed on Euronext Brussels (IRI), is a leader on the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) market, the Automatic Document Reading (ADR) and the Electronic Document Management markets.

The I.R.I.S.' activities are organized in two major areas:

“Office Products & Technologies”

I.R.I.S. develops and markets worldwide a complete range of OCR applications for home and office users.

Its well-known products are:

???**IRISPen II**: a pen scanner that allows text and figures capture in any application at the stroke of a hand. The pen scanner is available in the Standard version (reads text and figures) and Executive version (reads text, figures, handprinted numbers, barcodes and includes a text-to-speech module).

???**Readiris Pro**: an OCR package for flatbed scanners, “all-in-one” devices and digital cameras. Readiris Pro recognizes colour documents in up to 93 different languages, sends the recognition results directly to Word or Excel, saves the OCR results in the best known formats including HTML, and supports PDF format. To date, more than 8 million copies have been sold. Readiris Pro has been selected by Hewlett-Packard, Agfa and Compaq, Panasonic, etc.

???**IRIS Business Card Reader and Cardiris**: a complete hardware and software solution to scan, index and recognize business cards. Your contacts are easily exported to your PDA's or contact database with a single click export to Outlook or the export options of Cardiris.

“Professional Systems”

I.R.I.S. also offers solutions for the professional user to de-materialize paper documents, share and distribute the documents over the Intranet/Extranet/Internet and archive and store the electronic documents.

The main solutions are:

Automatic Document Reading (ADR) and Intelligent Document Recognition (IDR): document capture of forms (ADR) and non-structured documents (IDR) in paper or electronic formats.

Electronic Document Management (EDM): organizing, indexing, querying and sharing of electronic documents.

Knowledge Management: high-level consulting services to organize, preserve and optimally use the collective knowledge present in a company.

Archiving and Data storage: design, architecture and installation of storage, archiving and electronic data security solutions.

In 2000, I.R.I.S. Group had a sales in excess of € 27.6 million. In 2001, sales are estimated at € 35 million.

I.R.I.S. has more than 240 employees based in Louvain-la-Neuve and Brussels (Belgium), Massy and Rueil-Malmaison (France), Luxembourg, Boca Raton and Atlanta (USA).

For more information on our company, our solutions or our products, visit the I.R.I.S. website at <http://www.irislink.com>.

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