



PRESS RELEASE

## **Norwegian law firm BA-HR chooses I.R.I.S. Nordics to enhance teamwork and e-mail management abilities**

**Louvain-la-Neuve, July 9, 2009** – I.R.I.S. Nordics, a subsidiary of I.R.I.S. Group, listed on Euronext Brussels and specialising in Intelligent Document Recognition (IDR), Electronic Document, Content & Process Management (DCPM) and optimised IT Infrastructure (ICT), has been chosen by the Norwegian law firm BA-HR as the implementation partner to implement iManage WorkSite, Autonomy Interwoven's flagship document management solution for the legal market.

BA-HR is a leading Norwegian law firm, counting over 100 lawyers and 50 staff, aiding businesses within all the key commercial disciplines: it supports its Norwegian clients in global transactions and advises foreign businesses on conditions in Norway.

Christopher Helgeby, Head of knowledge and technology at BA-HR: *"A high level of execution and teamwork is the key to our business. All employees are an integral part of the business and document management is part of everybody's daily work. Teamwork is an important part of how we do business. The implementation of a new document management system is all about leveraging the true value of teamwork."*

BA-HR has filed all types of documents electronically since 2004. However, the firm was having a few issues with its current document management system - especially with the archiving of documents and e-mails. Christopher Helgeby: *"We were in need of a system that would improve our e-mail management capabilities and that would make it easy for users to efficiently store and retrieve large volumes of e-mails that they receive and send every day. We also were in need to have a complete electronic archive. By implementing a new document management system based on iManage WorkSite, we want to establish a true electronic archive and lower the threshold for lawyers to store and retrieve their information. We already know electronic filing: we now want to improve it a few notches."*

iManage WorkSite is a gold standard for legal document management and is used by more than 1,400 law firms worldwide including 75% of the top 20 European law firms. By replacing its current document management system, BA-HR wants to enhance its teamwork abilities, streamline email management, improve information overview and enhance searching capabilities. Making use of iManage will result in improving the overall view of the matter file due to WorkSite's ability to better structure information within the matter and its use of powerful search capabilities.

*"Before choosing I.R.I.S. Nordics, BA-HR considered other suppliers and did a lot of research. I.R.I.S. Nordics was ultimately chosen for their thorough understanding of document management and their experience in the legal sector, their reputation and references, and their highly professional attitude. They have been very customer focused and true advisors",* said Helgeby.

Dries Ausems, Development Manager at I.R.I.S. Nordics: *“BA-HR is a well-known and highly respected law firm. The firm is known to strive for perfection in everything it does. We are very proud that BA-HR chose I.R.I.S. Nordics as its partner for this strategic project.”*

#### **About BA-HR**

BA-HR’s clients have access to the full range of BA HR’s resources and can expect first class legal expertise, practical advice, insight into strategic and commercial issues and total commitment.

Teamwork is the key to BA-HR’s business. The highly skilled individuals at BA HR find satisfaction and inspiration in working together to advise clients on challenging assignments. BA-HR as an adviser is always to make a significant contribution and a real difference to clients, whether they operate within commerce and industry or the public sector.

BA-HR has been advising Norwegian and international businesses, and the public sector, since the 1960s. With over 100 lawyers, BA-HR is among the largest law firms in Norway, and is widely recognized for the highly international nature of their work. BA-HR’s practice covers all the key commercial disciplines, with a particular focus on domestic and international transactions, commercial law advice and dispute resolution.

#### **About I.R.I.S. - [www.irislink.com](http://www.irislink.com)**

**I.R.I.S.’ mission** is to increase our customers’ productivity and knowledge through helping them better manage their documents, data and information.

**I.R.I.S. Products & Technologies** develops technologies and products for Intelligent Document Recognition and markets its portfolio on a worldwide basis through strong partnerships.

**I.R.I.S. Professional Solutions** enables companies and administrations to find in one company the innovative expertise and hi-tech solutions to efficiently manage documents, information flows and IT infrastructure.

In 2008, the revenue of I.R.I.S. Group was 109.325.772 €.

I.R.I.S. has more than 600 employees based in Louvain-la-Neuve and Brussels (Belgium), Orly (France), Windhof (Luxemburg), Amsterdam and Maastricht (The Netherlands), Aachen (Germany), Delray Beach (USA), Hong-Kong (China) and Oslo (Norway).

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