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TEC Charleroi public transport system takes I.R.I.S. onboard for scanning and automatic form recognition

Louvain-la-Neuve, August 6, 2009 - I.R.I.S., a listed company (EURONEXT Brussels: IRI), specialising in Intelligent Document Recognition (IDR)¹, Enterprise Content Management (ECM)² and Optimized IT Infrastructure (ICT)³, is pleased to announce that it has implemented a project for the scanning and automatic form recognition for TEC Charleroi.

The challenge

TEC, which stands for "Transport En Commun" (Public Transport), refers to 5 public transport companies active in Belgium's Walloon Region. TEC Charleroi is one of these, offering transit services to over 500,000 inhabitants across an area of 1,500km². Every year, almost 30 million passengers use its 75 lines. Over 1,000 people are employed by TEC, among which 600 drivers.

TEC Charleroi wanted to expand the scope of its scanning and form recognition solution in order to process season ticket reimbursement requests. These requests are submitted by schoolchildren and students under 25 who, when they present the appropriate form, receive a 50% discount off the season ticket price.

The solution

Used in conjunction with a scanner, the IRIS Powerscan™ program scans the forms and enables image quality to be controlled. Now available in electronic format, the reimbursement requests are transferred over to the recognition software IRIS Capture Pro for Forms™. The powerful application is customized to extract the information necessary to process the request automatically, and make the usual consistency checks.

At the end of the chain, the software exports both the images of the scanned forms, and the data that was captured from them.

Etienne Van de Kerckhove, CEO of the I.R.I.S. Group, says: "*I.R.I.S. has a vast experience in this area and we are delighted to have been able to convince TEC Charleroi of both the quality of our products and technologies, and of our expertise in managing major projects for numerous Belgian*

¹ **IDR (Intelligent Document Recognition)**: automatic recognition of the content of structured documents (forms) or unstructured documents (incoming mail, invoices, etc.)

² **ECM (Enterprise Content Management)**: acronym designating electronic content management technologies.

³ **Optimized IT infrastructure**: "best-in-class" architecture for servers and digital storage, including consolidation and virtualisation

government bodies and companies. All of this has enabled I.R.I.S. to successfully conduct form recognition projects throughout Europe; in Belgium these include the Ministry of Finance (ScanFin project for recognition of VAT forms and income tax declarations), The Nature and Forestry Division of the Walloon Region, the Flemish Government Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries, etc."

About I.R.I.S. www.iriscorporate.com

The I.R.I.S. mission is to increase our clients' productivity and knowledge by helping them to better manage their documents, data and information.

I.R.I.S. Products & Technologies develops Intelligent Document Recognition technologies and products and markets its portfolio of products worldwide through solid partnerships.

I.R.I.S. Professional Solutions enables companies and government bodies to find in one company the innovative expertise and high-tech solutions to efficiently manage their documents, information flows and IT infrastructures.

In 2008, the I.R.I.S. Group achieved sales of 109.3 million Euros.

I.R.I.S. employs over 600 staff, based in Louvain-la-Neuve, Vilvoorde and Antwerp (Belgium); Orly (France); Windhof (Luxembourg); Amstelveen and Maastricht (Netherlands); Aachen (Germany); Delray Beach (Florida, USA); Hong Kong (China) and Oslo (Norway).

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