



PRESS RELEASE

I.R.I.S. signs an ECM contract in Burkina Faso with the Commission of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA).

Louvain-la-Neuve, 30 September 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 **signed an ECM contract with the Commission of the UEMOA, the West African Economic and Monetary Union, for the implementation of an electronic document management, archiving and cooperation solution.**

The West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) is a sub-regional organisation created in 1994 between eight West African countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo with the aim of creating a common economic and monetary market, coordinating national policies in various sectors and harmonising the legal framework.

The UEMOA has generated –and inherited from the previous institutions – a volume of documents equivalent to over 600-metres of shelves. In addition to the physical documents, the UEMOA has also accumulated a wealth of multimedia archives.

These documents make up the knowledge base of the institution, which is required to produce all information at the request of one of its Member States, which, in turn, produce information and documents for its intention.

As the UEMOA's physical archiving possibilities are completely saturated, the archives are increasingly being stored in the offices of the operational civil servants.

The UEMOA has entrusted I.R.I.S. with the task of coming up with an appropriate solution to this problem.

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

In addition to the digitised “paper” documents, the solution should also allow the archiving of “electronic” documents - such as the documents generated with office tools –and of multimedia files.

Certain periodicals, books or reviews will not be digitised. However, the UEMOA would like to see these documents being referenced in the documentary system: the solution proposed by I.R.I.S. therefore takes over the complete management of their physical storage and of the purchase or loan processes – which is known as “library science”.

Finally, UEMOA wishes to facilitate the exchange of documents with the member states and institutions who need access to them : the deployment of the proposed solution must therefore allow the loan or the sale of documents through effective user authentication.

Etienne Van de Kerckhove, CEO of the I.R.I.S. Group explains : “In the light of the customer specifications, we decided to propose I.R.I.S. DocCenter, a product developed in-house offering all the documentary and collaborative functions required by the UEMOA’s documentation centre as standard. We are thrilled to be able to include this prestigious international institution among our many customers”.

About I.R.I.S. www.iriscorporate.com – www.ecm.irislink.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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