



PRESS RELEASE

More stringent passport control at Belgian Schengen borders thanks to I.R.I.S.

Louvain-la-Neuve, 21 October 2009 – The stock exchange listed company I.R.I.S., (EURONEXT Brussels: IRI), specialized in Intelligent Document Recognition (IDR)¹, Electronic Document Management (ECM)² and complex infrastructure for Information and Communication Technology (ICT)³, is pleased to announce that it has just completed a **project commissioned by the Belgian Federal Police for the modernization of the scanners at the border control points.**

I.R.I.S. has been handling projects for the Belgian Federal Police for some time. In 2005, the company installed a system that automatically reads passports at the Schengen checkpoints. I.R.I.S. scanners read the MRZ (Machine Readable Zone) of each passport, which contains coded information. The data obtained is then automatically checked against various databases and is also checked for forgery.

Since then, new technologies have emerged and additional measures have been implemented by the ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) to carry out even stricter controls and to move towards one norm internationally. This was one of the reasons why the project was supported by the European Commission, which -through the EU Fund for External Borders- made an important financial contribution. The covers of new passports have subsequently been fitted with an electronic microchip - better known by the name RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification). This chip stores data including name, date of birth, place of birth and a numeric photograph.

Thanks to the module which the ECM department of I.R.I.S. has added to the scanners, the chip is now automatically read, evaluated and compared with the information retrieved from the Machine

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

² **ECM (Enterprise Content Management)**: acronym for the technologies relating to electronic content management.

³ **Optimized IT infrastructure**: “best-in-class” architecture for servers and digital storage, including consolidation and virtualization

Readable Zone. For the comparison of the two sorts of information received, I.R.I.S. has developed a successful integration between its own software and that of third-party developers.

Etienne Van de Kerckhove, CEO of the I.R.I.S. Group explains: “For our customer, the Federal Police, the successful completion of this project means a higher level of security thanks to a double electronic check. This facilitates a lot of administrative tasks and relieves the time pressure associated with them and the agent in question can thus concentrate more on his actual specializations. This is not only at the heart of this project, but also at the heart of the many other forms of electronic management of company information in which I.R.I.S. has specialized for more than twenty years.”

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

The mission of I.R.I.S. to increase the productivity and know-how of its clients by helping them better manage their documents, data and information.

I.R.I.S. Products & Technologies develop technologies and products within the field of Intelligent Document Recognition and commercialize the product portfolio worldwide through strong partnerships.

I.R.I.S. Professional Solutions offer companies and governments the chance of finding in one single company innovating know-how and cutting-edge technology for the effective management of their documents, data flows and information infrastructure.

In 2008, the I.R.I.S. Group generated a turnover of 109.3 million euro.

I.R.I.S. employs more than 600 people, spread over branches in Louvain-la-Neuve, Vilvoorde and Antwerp (Belgium), Orly (France), Windhof (Luxembourg), Amstelveen and Maastricht (Netherlands), Aachen (Germany), Delray Beach (Florida, United States), Hong Kong (China) and Oslo (Norway).

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