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### **I.R.I.S. Extends Licensing Agreement with HP**

I.R.I.S. will provide Embedded OCR, iHQC™ compression technology, PDF-A and XPS generation technology for future HP imaging and printing devices

**Brussels, Belgium – February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009** - I.R.I.S. Group, a publicly traded company (Euronext Brussels: IRI), market leader in Intelligent Document Recognition (IDR), Electronic Document Management (EDM), Document, Content and Process Management (DCPM) and optimized IT infrastructure (ICT), announced the extension of its licensing and cooperation agreement with HP.

In the past years, I.R.I.S. has worked with a licensing agreement covering the integration of *I.R.I.S. OCR technology* into HP software products and the bundling of the *Readiris Pro* product with several HP products, including the HP LaserJet, Scanjet and Officejet product lines.

The extended agreement includes the embedding of I.R.I.S. OCR in future HP devices (where OCR is embedded in the firmware of the machine) as well as the new document compression iHQC™ technology (intelligent High Quality Compression: a technology that allows to compress colour documents to reach an extremely small file size without conceding on quality) developed by I.R.I.S. Also, I.R.I.S.' technology will be incorporated into fully-searchable PDF, PDF-A and XPS documents.

*“Currently, there are more than 50 HP machines that integrate I.R.I.S. OCR technologies on the market,”* said Dr. Pierre De Muelenaere, President & CEO of I.R.I.S. *“We are very pleased to extend our agreement with HP to include new, compelling features such as embedded OCR and compression for its higher-end offerings.”*

#### **About I.R.I.S. embedded OCR technology**

Since 1998, I.R.I.S. has integrated its I.R.I.S. OCR solutions into HP scanning software and currently embeds OCR directly into the HP CM8060/CM8050 Color MFP with Edgeline Technology. Without having to install anything themselves, customers can simply scan their documents, select the right export format and the proper language, and their document will be sent directly to the chosen destination (email, folder, FTP or HTTP). In addition to the standard file type attachment (such as JPG, TIFF, MIFF and PDF), the integrated software will now support “Searchable PDF,” Text, RTF, XML, HTML and XPS. I.R.I.S. OCR supports 137 languages, including Arabic, simplified or traditional Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Hebrew.

## **About I.R.I.S. iHQC™ Technology**

I.R.I.S. iHQC™ represents the best technology to convert documents into highly-compressed color XPS and PDF files with searchable text without conceding on quality. This fast and robust compression solution allows the conversion of large batches of documents images into numerous output formats, including PDF, PDF-A and XPS (see below). To learn more about this powerful tool, please go to:

<http://www.irislink.com/c2-1026-17/iHQC--color-compression-of-text-and-images--More-Efficient-than-Jpeg2000--.aspx>

## **About Fully-Searchable PDF, PDF/A and XPS**

I.R.I.S. intelligent High Quality Compression technology™ is designed to convert standard color images into highly-compressed PDF files with fully searchable text. This function enables the automatic creation of PDF, PDF/A and XPS files with text information included, allowing users to search for documents through simple key words.

PDF/A is a subset of PDF, leaving out PDF features not suited to long-term archiving. Its goal is to address the growing need to electronically archive documents in a way that will ensure preservation of their contents over an extended period of time. This need exists in a growing number of international government and industry segments, including legal systems, libraries, newspapers, regulated industries, and others.

An important new output format is Microsoft's XML Paper Specification (XPS). Like Adobe's PDF format, XPS is a fixed-layout document format designed to preserve document fidelity, so that documents look the same and as they are intended on any device. XPS-iHQC™ is I.R.I.S.' hyper-compression proprietary technology, with the most impressive color compression applied to the XPS format.

## **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 2007, the revenue of I.R.I.S. Group was 95.062.297€.

I.R.I.S. has more than 500 employees based in Louvain-la-Neuve and Brussels (Belgium), Orly (France), Windhof (Luxemburg), Amsterdam and Maastricht (The Netherlands), Aachen (Germany), Delray Beach (USA) and Hong-Kong (China) and Oslo (Norway).

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