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Hewlett Packard Rewarded “Largest OEM contract for iHQC™ technology” at IRISLink 2009

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

Louvain-la-Neuve – February 3rd, 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), rewarded Hewlett Packard during the *IRISLink 2009* for its signature of the *largest OEM contract for iHQC™*, I.R.I.S.’ breakthrough compression technology.

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

The extended agreement, signed in June 2008, includes the embedding of I.R.I.S.’ OCR software in future HP devices (OCR embedded directly into the machine’s firmware), as well as I.R.I.S.’ new document compression technology. iHQC™ represents the best technology to convert documents into highly-compressed colour 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.

“We have been working successfully with HP for more than a decade now, and our OCR solutions have been built into many HP scanners and multifunction peripherals. Currently, there are more than 100 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. He added: *“We are very pleased to reward HP for their commitment and loyalty at our annual convention. Thanks to the recent extension of our agreement, HP will include new, compelling features such as embedded OCR and hyper compression into its higher-end offerings.”*

Alain Sohet, Managing Director of HP Belgium, added: *“I have been amazed to see the development of the relationship between I.R.I.S. and HP, over recent years. It is a real success story of a Belgian software technology becoming successful on the international scene, thanks to global partnership with HP, in the R&D sector. We are always at the forefront of technology leadership and innovation. We are constantly looking for partnerships and cooperation that can add value to our products. And, I believe, we always introduce exciting new products that help*

our customer to be more successful in business, and I'm sure that I.R.I.S.' compression technology iHQC™ will, once again, meet their expectations."

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 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.

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 550 employees based in Louvain-la-Neuve, Brussels, and Antwerp (Belgium), Orly (France), Windhof (Luxemburg), Amsterdam and Maastricht (The Netherlands), Aachen (Germany), Delray Beach (USA) and Hong-Kong (China), and Oslo (Norway).

For more information about I.R.I.S. and its products portfolio, please visit: www.irislink.com

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