



**PRESS RELEASE**

## **SPF Justice chooses I.R.I.S. for implementation of integrated electronic document archiving solution**

**Louvain-la-Neuve, 2 February 2009** – I.R.I.S., a listed company (EURONEXT Brussels: IRI) specialising in Intelligent Documents Recognition (IDR),<sup>1</sup> Electronic Document, Content & Process Management (DCPM)<sup>2</sup> and Optimised IT Infrastructure (ICT), announces that the Belgian Ministry of Justice (SPF Justice) has retained it to implement an integrated document management solution coupled with a digitisation system for its judicial files.

Following a public call for tenders, the SPF Justice retained I.R.I.S. to develop the “JUSTSCAN” project. The aim of this project is to provide an environment for specific use by magistrates enabling digitised information to be made available.

To facilitate file management, the SPF Justice wished to put in place a solution capable of providing a fully functional, partially centralised, electronic document management system based on web technologies that would nonetheless permit decentralised digitisation of documents. The solution sought also had to enable storage, recovery and handling of documents and images while having the capacity to manage predicted increases in volumes of “clients” and services. The aim was to bring about reduced use of paper and totally electronic file management covering all the documentation needed in processing any future “judicial” file as well as to provide a web interface for all end users.

The project’s major challenge consisted in delivering the system to users and, given the sizeable change in habits brought about by the solution, obtaining a good rate of acceptance from them. The SPF Justice therefore sought a partner that could provide a technical solution and know-how involving rigorous and collaborative project management, understanding of professional needs and their translation into simple, efficient and realistic processes, taking account of all exceptions.

The highly complex organisational context specific to the SPF Justice clearly represent the concerns, constraints and advantages that all large enterprises face in terms of electronic document management. Putting such solutions in place is I.R.I.S.’s speciality.

Etienne Van de Kerckhove, CEO, I.R.I.S.: *“The major challenge for I.R.I.S. was to offer the SPF Justice a global solution that provided the following contemporary document management functions: acquisition or decentralised digitisation of documents; generation, capture, search and/or publication of the content of these documents; storage solutions suited to a complex, decentralised environment;*

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

<sup>2</sup> Document, Content & Process Management (DCPM): term covering the following technologies: intelligent document recognition (IDR), electronic document management (EDM), electronic content management (ECM) and business process management (BPM)

*and so forth. This set of functionalities was constructed taking account of users' expertise, enabling gradual appropriation of the tool. And the feedback from those involved has been extremely positive at the sites already installed."*

Jean-Marc Herr, General Manager, DCPM: *"Our global solution is made up of two main processes: acquisition of documents on the one hand and archiving, access, visualisation, printing and publication of files on the other. I.R.I.S. offered the SPF Justice an architecture based on solutions developed by I.R.I.S. for digitisation, enhancement of scanned images and quality control; IRISpdf™ Server recognises content and produces files that contain documents' images and text. Archiving of the application's parameters and files' metadata and indexation in full text mode takes place on Oracle RDBMS 10g and Oracle Text. Lastly, I.R.I.S. DocCenter™ is our distributed full document management solution for classification, search, printing and publication of files. Besides the technical approach, I.R.I.S. also has a human and organisational approach that takes account of change management, integration and continuity of the project."*

Dirk Minnaert, IT Manager, SPF Justice: *"The solution proposed by I.R.I.S. is a modular solution that can on its own absorb the considerable growth in volumes and user numbers. It is also an open solution that meets market standards and provides our users with a multilingual web interface."*

#### **About IRISpdf Server™**

IRISpdf Server integrates technologies developed by I.R.I.S. since 1987 for converting source files (images) into PDF files, with extraction and exploitation of structured data. IRISpdf Server contains high-performance tools for batch processing and processing by supervised files enabling very easy integration with other scanning solutions. IRISpdf Server enables document separation as well as document indexation based for example on a barcode. IRISpdf Server also enables optimisation and compression of images, generation of indexation structured to XML format and generation of small PDF files containing full text indexation. XML output can be generated, as can RTF and TXT output. More than one output format can be activated at the same time. IrisPDF Server is another product developed by I.R.I.S. that can also intervene in the code if necessary.

But the major differentiation of IRISpdf Server is in the following three benefits:

- The speed of the OCR and conversion engine, guaranteeing better market performance (crucial given the volumes to be digitised)
- Highly advanced integration of multilingualism functions, above all enabling simultaneous use of dictionaries in different languages for documents containing more than one language
- Image optimisation ahead of OCR, substantially enhancing the recognition rate for the following points: page orientation, text correction, colour image smoothing, image support in Dualstream (OCR on black and white images/integration of colour images into the document)

#### **About I.R.I.S. DocCenter™**

I.R.I.S. DocCenter manages vital information, makes it accessible in a secure manner, contributes to collaborative work by making it possible to distribute and monitor tasks to be executed and ensures the permanence of information. This robust software has already proved its ability to manage large volumes of documents and users. While available in versions using other database systems, I.R.I.S. DocCenter integrates into OEMs such as Oracle 10g.

As an application, I.R.I.S. DocCenter is integrated with many relational database, "full text" database and application server solutions. I.R.I.S. DocCenter is a software solution developed by I.R.I.S. so that we possess the source code and understand the finer points of parameterisation. We are not dependent on any American roadmap or expert consultants in any product that we do not know 100%. We are not obliged to develop workarounds to deal with certain problems, such workarounds

often working only for a specific version of any software. We can therefore guarantee improved flexibility and responsiveness. Moreover, our aim was to provide a single software solution for managing all types of documents as well as for all the functionalities requested. Among other things, we integrate different types of documents in the same way as scanned documents, such as spool files, without calling on any other application.

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

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