

Vision Objects and iRex Technologies partner to deliver innovative portable electronic writing and reading solutions for businesses



Nantes (France) and Eindhoven (The Netherlands), August 23, 2006, Vision Objects, provider of the industry standard in handwriting recognition and iRex Technologies BV, leading supplier of solutions for reading written digital content, announce today the signature of a technology partnership. iRex's E-reader called "iLiad" combines revolutionary electronic paper display and best-in-class MyScript handwriting recognition to build business to business applications.

The iLiad E-reader is a portable device that allows digital print content to be read from various sources, anywhere at any time. The iLiad is based on an innovative electronic paper display, wireless networking and touch screen technologies. This provides a comfortable reading experience, just like normal paper, digital content delivery, interactive navigation and text input. The iLiad is a flexible platform enabling the development of solutions for B2B applications in areas like document reading, form processing, education and publishing.

As part of the alliance, MyScript handwriting technology is integrated into the iLiad through MyScript Stylus, an interactive natural text input method that converts handwriting in real time into digital text. MyScript Stylus features a handwriting input panel enabling users to write naturally and to easily interact with all iLiad's applications.

iRex Technologies also distributes MyScript Notes, Vision Objects' stand alone handwriting recognition software as a PC add-on to the iLiad. MyScript Notes converts handwritten notes, captured with the iLiad notepad and transferred to a PC, into digital information for further use in applications such as text editors, spreadsheets and email clients.

"We are delighted that we can match the strengths of our E-reading and E-writing technology with the character recognition strengths from Vision Objects" said Willem Endhoven, VP Marketing and Business development at iRex Technologies. "For our iLiad users it will be a great experience to write on electronic paper and see the extra benefit of their writing being digitized with such accuracy and ease of use. Together we provide a full end-user benefit in writing pleasure and productivity which is also of great importance for our B2B customers."

"This agreement marks an important milestone in a long term partnership between iRex Technologies and Vision Objects to develop mobile business to business applications integrating handwriting recognition", says Jean-Marc Aïchoun, VP Sales & Marketing at Vision Objects.

About iRex Technologies

iRex Technologies BV is a spin-off company from Royal Philips Electronics, located on the High Tech Campus in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

Our mission is to provide solutions for reading written digital content with the ease and comfort of print on paper, combined with the interactivity, flexibility and up-dating ability of digital information.

We have a Business-to Business focus: supporting organizations in bringing their content (newspapers, books, documents) to their members, customers and employees, wherever they are, whenever they want it.

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About Vision Objects

Vision Objects provides the industry standard in Handwriting Recognition Technology. Vision Objects' ground-breaking MyScript Technology reliably recognizes and converts handwriting into smart, valuable and searchable digital information. MyScript is available in a wide range of languages addressing markets in the Americas, Europe and Asia Pacific. MyScript is integrated into many existing systems for high level form processing, personal information management, messaging and edutainment applications.

Vision Objects' mission is to develop and market accurate and high performance Handwriting Recognition & Understanding software for any platform using handwritten data entry through pen-based user interfaces such as Digital Pens, PDAs, Tablet PCs and Smartphones.

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