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Thanks to a solid partnership strategy in the Asia-Pacific zone, A2iA reinforces its presence on the Asian market of payment systems.

Paris - August 29, 2006 - A2iA, specialist in the recognition of freeform cursive handwriting and machine-printed documents, and in the intelligent classification of paper documents, relies since 2002 on a **powerful network of partners which deploys the A2iA CheckReader engine on the Asian and Australian markets**. In order to preserve its technological advance and focus on the development of its software, A2iA has always privileged an **international distribution strategy that rests upon an indirect selling system**.

Based on this rationale, the editor has signed worldwide partnership agreements notably with four integrators of international renown, NCR, Unisys, ReadSoft and Dicom and also with local partners such as ARM, CAYLX or BCSIS.

Together, they have made a breakthrough in the Asian and Pacific markets of cheque and remittance processing and have secured over twenty contracts* including nine that have been signed since the start of 2006. In order to successfully complete this ambitious project, A2iA has developed specific versions of *A2iA CheckReader* in English, intended for Thailand, Malaysia, Australia, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

In addition, for Hong Kong, the software is able to recognize amounts written using Chinese ideogram letters.

The *A2iA CheckReader* engine is mainly used in the Asia-Pacific zone for its automatic reading capabilities of courtesy and legal amounts on every type of banking document. A2iA also endeavours to promote the capacities of its technology to be integrated into the most advanced solutions for the detection of fraudulent cheques, the fight against money laundering and the detection of counterfeits.

« Since the beginning of 2006, A2iA has significantly reinforced its presence in the Asia-Pacific zone with the signature of nine new contracts. These new references consolidate A2iA's know-how and its growth on the global markets of payment facilities. In addition, we plan to develop our technology in India and China following the many contacts we currently have with local integrators », concludes Jean-Louis Fages, President and CEO of A2iA.

* The main A2iA references in the Asia-Pacific zone are: AON, Australian Stock Exchange, Citibank, Computershare, Fiserv, HSBC Hong Kong, HSBC Singapore, I-Advantage, Innovations, NAB Bank, OCBC Bank, QMtechnologies, Scholastic, K Bank, Telstra and UOB.

About A2iA

A2iA (Artificial Intelligence & Image Analysis), founded in 1991, headquartered in New York and Paris, is known as the worldwide leading developer of Intelligent Word Recognition (IWR), Classification & Data Extraction (IDR) technologies for extracting information from natural freeform and cursive handwriting on paper documents. The company's technology has been helping paper-intensive industries reduce data entry costs and improve business process automation for over 15 years. A2iA's recognition engines harmonize their OCR, ICR, IWR and IDR technologies with their image analysis, artificial intelligence and neural network systems to enhance solutions from the world's leading systems integrators and other independent software vendors. For more information: www.a2ia.com.