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New Version of A2iA CheckReader Delivers Higher Recognition Rates

A2iA CheckReader 3.6 Provides Higher Levels of Automation and Improved Reliability in Check Image Quality and Usability Testing

NEW YORK – May 22, 2006 – A2iA Corp., a worldwide leading developer of software that captures data from all types of printed and handwritten paper documents, today announced the availability of version 3.6 of A2iA CheckReader™, the latest release of its recognition engine and component of several image-based check processing applications. A2iA CheckReader is a comprehensive set of tools that locates and reads key transactional information from check images, while simultaneously supplying other information necessary for advanced fraud detection systems, image quality testing and check usability assurance. A2iA CheckReader 3.6 boasts improved accuracy and higher read rates on personal and business checks, money orders, payment coupons and other banking documents.

“Over the past several years, A2iA CheckReader has been providing an expansive set of innovative tools to capture additional information from check images – information that helps U.S. financial institutions alleviate the risks associated with check processing, especially in an electronic image exchange environment,” said Jean-Louis Fages, A2iA’s president and CEO. “This latest release brings about several improvements to our core recognition technology, a testament to our track record of reinvestment into core technology improvement. This commitment helps to ensure that A2iA remains a trusted provider of the most comprehensive check recognition toolkit on the market today.”

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A2iA CheckReader 3.6 includes improved recognition of dates and phone numbers, while providing data in a consistent format, as this information commonly contains slashes, hyphens, periods or other punctuation that vary greatly from one check to the next. New tools make it easier than ever to capture information from a wide variety of fields using A2iA's Intelligent Word Recognition (IWR) engine, a key component of A2iA CheckReader.

Version 3.6 provides improved performance of internal components that identify document types and form designs, and classify payment types from a stream of banking documents, such as deposit tickets, money orders, payment coupons, and business and personal checks. A2iA CheckReader 3.6 also features the latest set of A2iA's image analysis tools that measure the quality of every check image using the latest Check 21-based industry standards. Improvements have been made to increase the stability and reliability of image quality test results.

Availability

A2iA CheckReader is available immediately to licensees and integrators of A2iA CheckReader. A2iA CheckReader plug-in modules for use in leading image capture and check processing software applications are available through A2iA's channel of value-added resellers. For more information, please call 917.237.0390 or visit www.a2ia.com.

About A2iA Corporation

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) technology 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 and IWR 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.

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