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**Pay-for-Results Pricing Makes Latest Version of A2iA FieldReader
an Attractive Alternative to Data Entry Offshoring**

*A2iA FieldReader 2.6 Boasts Enhanced Recognition Capabilities and Intuitive Features at
Performance-Based Pricing that Makes Imaging Technology Easy to Cost-Justify*

NEW YORK – May 16, 2006 – A2iA, a worldwide leading developer of advanced recognition engines, today announced the availability of version 2.6 of A2iA FieldReader™, the latest version of its recognition plug-in for industry-leading document capture and forms processing applications. With the release of version 2.6, A2iA is also introducing a new pricing model that makes automated forms recognition technology extremely attractive and more affordable than human keyers in both domestic and foreign data entry operations. The new pay-for-results pricing enables users to only pay for those fields that are accurately captured without human intervention, based on agreed-upon accuracy rates and thresholds. In addition, the latest version of A2iA FieldReader boasts the highest recognition rates ever, and includes a host of new features that make it easier to install than its predecessors.

“Each new A2iA software release brings about robust, intuitive features that make it easier for our partners to integrate and easier for our customers to use,” said Jean-Louis Fages, A2iA’s president and CEO. “Our Intelligent Word Recognition (IWR) technology enables A2iA FieldReader to capture and extract handwritten information that ICR and OCR cannot read. Our new straightforward pricing model makes IWR’s payoff readily apparent and can contribute immediately to reducing labor costs as soon as it is installed.”

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As data entry costs continue to rise in the United States, American businesses are faced with the challenge of keeping costs down without sacrificing speed or accuracy. As a result, more and more U.S. corporations are turning to overseas operations in countries where labor is more affordable. The new A2iA FieldReader pricing model offers a powerful value proposition – for businesses that turn to foreign processing centers, for government agencies that are unable to outsource overseas, for companies currently relying on less-advanced forms of recognition technology, and for businesses forking over a growing portion of their operating budget to manual data entry. A2iA FieldReader can make it possible for many U.S. and Canadian businesses to keep paper processing operations in-house, while lowering the overall costs of converting large volumes of information into computer-usable, actionable data.

“Our new pricing structure for A2iA FieldReader is firmly rooted in our strategy of making the benefits of recognition technology available to all businesses, at a price point that challenges today’s trend to offshore,” said Fages. “We are able to offer pay-for-results pricing because we are confident in our recognition engine’s ability to achieve results; and we reinvigorate our partners’ products and contribute to the value they bring to paper-intensive businesses.”

A2iA recognition engines leverage the technological strengths of the company’s integrator-partners. Through advanced recognition technology, A2iA FieldReader expands the capabilities of today’s document capture, forms processing and business process management applications to obtain the highest possible recognition results and new levels of automation. These capabilities include the recognition of unconstrained handprint and freeform cursive handwriting from virtually any business document.

The new performance-based pricing is structured similar to that of a service bureau, taking into account average keystrokes per hour. “A2iA FieldReader users are only charged for successful keystrokes,” said Fages, “and at a lower rate than human labor. A2iA FieldReader enables businesses to pay less for the results that are the easiest to capture, leaving the more complicated exception items – typically, a small percentage – to be handled by humans. This combined technology-labor approach results in the highest possible quality at significantly lower costs.”

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IWR technology has always set A2iA recognition toolkits apart from traditional character-based (OCR and ICR) recognition engines, as it can read all types of handwriting, including freeform natural handwriting and cursive script. A2iA FieldReader employs IWR – coupled with a series of advanced document and data analysis technologies – to correctly and efficiently normalize, segment, extract and classify words, while matching entire words and phrases against vocabularies that contain the possible values for each field. Version 2.6 includes new vocabularies for common first and last names; users may also elect to use A2iA AddressPack™, a postal database designed for use in IWR forms processing applications as a plug-in for improving the recognition of handwritten addresses.

A2iA FieldReader uses context, field zones and specifications to go beyond merely recognizing what is written and can interpret a handwritten response on a form. In this latest version, emphasis was placed on improving recognition of dates and phone numbers, as these fields commonly contain slashes, hyphens, periods or other punctuation that vary greatly from one person to the next. A2iA FieldReader 2.6, available in 20 country-specific versions, delivers a notable improvement in recognition – at both character and word levels.

Availability

A2iA FieldReader is available as an add-on module to popular image capture and forms processing applications from Cardiff, EMC Captiva, Kofax, ReadSoft, SER, TIS and other leading vendors, through A2iA's official licensees and authorized 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.