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***A2iA Executives Now Hold Majority of Company Capital***

*Secondary LMBO for A2iA ensures the means for growth and a solid future for the company.*

**NEW YORK CITY and PARIS, FRANCE, June 4, 2008** – A2iA, a software company that operates one of the world’s largest research centers focused on ways to extract information from everyday paper documents containing handwritten information, announced the completion of their secondary Leveraged Management Buy-Out (LMBO). A2iA was previously held by a majority since January 2006 by Développement & Partenariat and XAnge Capital Investment Funds. Jean-Louis Fages, Chairman of A2iA, and Olivier Baret, Managing Director of A2iA, along with the 7 shareholders, now hold 53% of A2iA's capital. Fortis Private Equity France, the French subsidiary of the Fortis Group, and the Halisol investment company, hold the remaining capital, 31% and 16% respectively. This secondary LMBO, and the addition of these two new shareholders, shows the ability of A2iA's management to implement its development strategy and ensures a stronger, more solid future for the company.

"We are delighted to associate ourselves with the A2iA managerial team and enable them to become the company's majority shareholder", said Philippe Aubert, Managing Director of Fortis Private Equity. "We have been impressed by A2iA's document classification and intelligent word recognition technology, which provides companies with a considerable productivity gain. Furthermore, this know-how offers A2iA real prospects for international development."

The secondary LMBO allows A2iA’s management team to focus its investment on research and development, especially for *A2iA DocumentReader™*, as well as to cultivate new partnerships in the Content Management and Business Intelligence markets.

"I am very happy with this secondary LMBO operation. It marks an important change for A2iA, enabling us to accelerate our development around our *A2iA DocumentReader* software," said Jean-Louis Fages, CEO of A2iA. "We want to ensure we have the means for growth; this is why we have chosen to be partnered by an investment company – which does not have the same constraints as venture capital companies – and the investment fund of the French investment capital subsidiary of a large European bank in A2iA's principal target market, which provides the knowledge and detailed understanding of the profession's needs with regard to electronic and integrated information."

"We are particularly proud to support A2iA in its development and to have enabled the company managers to become majority shareholders", said Christophe Dantoine, Shareholdings Manager at Halisol.

A2iA's document classification and recognition technology, available in six languages and 22 country-versions, reduces document handling and data entry costs while increasing companies' overall productivity worldwide.

### **About A2iA**

A2iA, Artificial Intelligence and Image Analysis, is a software company that operates one of the world's largest research centers focusing on ways to extract information from everyday paper documents that contain handwritten information. A2iA's Document Classification, OCR, ICR and IWR technologies have been reducing data-entry costs and improving business process automation for over 17 years. A2iA recognition engines can be used to enhance the forms processing, transaction processing, business process management, record-management, e-discovery, content management, document management, and knowledge management systems from leading vendors. For more information, please visit [www.a2ia.com](http://www.a2ia.com).

### **About Fortis in France**

In France, Fortis is the financial partner of companies and entrepreneurs. It provides company managers with comprehensive financial solutions meeting their private, professional, managerial and shareholder needs, through the following activities:

- individual banking, commercial banking, private banking, financing and investment banking, leasing, factoring.
- insurance: life insurance, employee savings and pension schemes.
- asset management: private and collective.

Present in France since 1920, Fortis now has 2,885 employees and 120 branches. In 2007, Fortis posted revenues of €1.2 billion in France, up by nearly 15%. For more information on Fortis in France, visit [www.fortis.fr](http://www.fortis.fr).

### **About Halisol**

HALISOL is an investment company that has participated in the development of European SMEs since 1994. Due to its manufacturing experience in pharmaceuticals (UPSA laboratories), HALISOL manages €400 m and invests long-term in the capital of companies to support them in their projects. In particular, HALISOL was a founding shareholder of the PHARMAFARM Laboratory and participated in the development of the Medix laboratory holding the BIAFINE trademark and more recently the QUIES company. HALISOL has operated in areas as diverse as financing of oil activities, distribution of beauty products or food processing. HALISOL invests its equity funds. The nature of its shareholding ensures it has great flexibility in conducting its investments insofar as HALISOL is not subject to the constraints that usually apply to investment funds.

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