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**A2iA Awarded U.S. Patent for Semi-Automated Keying Functionality
that Quickly Captures Printed & Handwritten Columnar Data**

Patented capabilities speed the capture of information from documents like invoices, EOBs and other tabular formatted documents, reducing errors and manual keying.

New York, March 22, 2016 – [A2iA \(@A2iA\)](#), an award-winning developer of software for the worldwide data capture, document processing, and payment systems markets, announced today that it has been granted Patent No. 9,152,617 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The patent covers A2iA’s semi-automated keying functionality that speeds the processing of complex, columnar data, including both printed and handwritten information. Residing within [A2iA DocumentReader™](#), a software toolkit, users perform simple and interactive point-and-click extraction from full columns of information such as invoices, explanations of benefits (EOBs), lockbox banking statements and other tabular formatted documents.

“Columnar data traditionally requires manual keying due to its complexity – a costly and error prone process,” said Jean-Louis Fages, A2iA President & Chairman of the Board. “These patented features enable organizations to reduce their operational costs and reduce their risk for errors by enabling an automated, simple user experience.”

By allowing an operator to capture alpha, numeric, and alpha-numeric information like identification numbers, codes and dates, manual keying is significantly reduced, bringing a new level of efficiency to complex document processing.

In addition to the extraction of columnar data, *A2iA DocumentReader* delivers automatic document classification based on a holistic approach of analyzing a document’s layout and content, as well as key field extraction from cursive handwritten and unstructured documents. Recognized by industry analysts as a global leader, A2iA’s toolkits are available in 36-country versions and 7-languages, and are currently deployed worldwide at thousands of end-user sites.

About A2iA

[A2iA](#), Artificial Intelligence and Image Analysis (www.a2ia.com), is the worldwide leading developer of handwritten and machine printed text recognition, information extraction and intelligent document classification toolkits. By enhancing solutions from systems integrators and independent software vendors, A2iA allows complex and cursive data from all forms, documents and checks including unstructured handwritten letters, to become part of a structured database, making it searchable and reportable, with the same level of flexibility of printed or digital data. A2iA has been improving business process automation and delivering a visible ROI for over 24 years. For more information, visit www.a2ia.com or call +1 917-237-0390 within the Americas, or +33 1 44 42 00 80 within EMEA or Asia.

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