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## ***Kirtas Technologies Named Finalist for the Prestigious 2004 World Technology Awards***

**October 14, 2004, Victor, NY** – On October 8, the World Technology Network (WTN) announced that Kirtas Technologies was selected as a finalist for the 2004 World Technology Award for Information Technology Hardware. The other four finalists were Google, AMD, Motorola and Apple, the winner of the category. The awards were presented by WTN in association with Nasdaq, Microsoft, Philips, *TIME* magazine, *Technology Review* magazine, *Science* magazine, *Fortune* magazine, CNN and *Business 2.0* magazine. Kirtas was also elected as a Corporate Member of WTN.

“We are thrilled to be included with such a prestigious group of co-finalists,” says Lotfi Belkhir, CEO of Kirtas Technologies. “The World Technology Awards were created by WTN to honor those innovators whose work is of the greatest likely long-term significance for the benefit of business and society. This honor sets a new standard for us that we will strive to maintain and even exceed as we bring our revolutionary products to the world”

Kirtas Technologies was nominated for its development of the APT BookScan 1200™, the world’s first truly automatic book scanning system. This turnkey solution enables an integrated workflow from automatic book scanning and post-processing at 1200 pages per hour to finished file creation. The technology redefines digitization of bound documents, delivering gentler handling and higher quality images faster and at a lower cost than any other solution in the marketplace. The cost, speed and efficiency of the system are identical for black-and-white, grayscale and color images.

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**About The World Technology Network**

The WTN focuses on bringing important emerging technologies of all types into reality. Its membership is comprised of over 800 individuals and organizations from over 50 countries, nominated and judged by their peers to be the most innovative in the technology world. By bringing key players together at global and regional events, WTN helps make things happen sooner and better. The World Technology Awards are presented each year to the outstanding innovators from each sector within the technology arena.

**About Kirtas Technologies**

Headquartered in Victor, NY, Kirtas Technologies was established in 2001 by Dr. Lotfi Belkhir, who left Xerox with an exclusive, perpetual license for the page-turning technology that he helped create while at Xerox. The company began shipping its revolutionary APT BookScan 1200 in September 2003. In May 2004, their service division became operational, providing scanning and digitizing of books and bound documents on an outsource basis. For more information, please visit [www.Kirtas-tech.com](http://www.Kirtas-tech.com)

**(Editor's Note:** An interactive demo of Kirtas Technologies' APT BookScan 1200™ can be found at the company's website: [www.kirtas-tech.com/demo.htm](http://www.kirtas-tech.com/demo.htm). High resolution product photos and logos can also be found online.)