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Kirtas Debuts Fastest Automatic Book Scanner in History

APT BookScan 2400

-Product Scans 2400 Pages an Hour; Sets New Standard for Quality and Productivity-

January 9, 2006, Victor, NY – Kirtas Technologies today announced the APT BookScan 2400, an automatic book scanner that features unprecedented speed, accuracy, and quality in its category. The APT BookScan 2400 scans at 2400 pages per hour cycle speed in full color mode, setting a new benchmark for this technology. The average book can now scan in less than eight minutes, making the APT BookScan the fastest in the world.

“The APT BookScan 2400 provides a remarkable opportunity for unprecedented global information sharing,” said Kirtas Founder and CEO Lotfi Belkhir. “This new product revolutionizes the quality and accuracy of book digitization technology, and blows open the floodgates from books to bytes. It is a radical advancement in this category.”

The APT BookScan 2400 rapidly scans materials using two cameras and a dual-processor system. Image quality improvements include state-of-the-art optics, automatic image enhancement, and novel computer vision algorithms for automatic page cropping. The gentle handling of the documents is maximized with Smart Cradle™ dynamic positioning, reducing the stress on the bindings. Sure Turn™ single page pick-up is gentler than the human hand. Automatic batch processing allows for minimal operator intervention.

The APT BookScan 2400 offers search and data management using XML, and document repurposing with OCR for 177 languages. The BookScan Editor software provides an automatic batch mode processing operation that performs extensive image post-processing functions. This offers significant image cleanup and enhancement, multiple output options, and an integrated interface for structural metadata.

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In addition to the APT BookScan 2400, Kirtas offers the APT BookScan 1200, capable of scanning 1200 pages an hour. Kirtas provides a service bureau for organizations who wish to send their books to the Kirtas team for scanning, creating a finished digitized or hard copy output.

Kirtas Technologies automatic book scanning technology has been recognized with a number of industry awards. The company won *Popular Science's* "Best of What's New Award" in 2003, and in 2004 Kirtas was named a top five finalist at the World Technology Summit and Awards. Other firms in the top five were Apple, Motorola, AMD, and Google.

About Kirtas Technologies

Kirtas Technologies was founded in 2001 with the vision of bringing to the digital realm the massive knowledge sitting on library shelves, government archives and corporate storerooms. Today, its revolutionary technology redefines digitization of all bound documents, delivering gentler handling and higher image quality faster, with fewer errors and at a lower cost than any other solution in the marketplace. For more information, visit their website at www.kirtastech.com.

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