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**By Popular Demand: Kirtas Announces World's First Upgradeable Manual
Bookscanner
- Breakthrough in Bookscanning Technology with BookScan 800 -**

January 18, 2006, ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Antonio, TX – Kirtas Technologies marked another milestone in its history, as the company prepared to unveil the BookScan 800 at the American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio, January 20-23. The BookScan 800 is the only manual book scanner on the market that is upgradeable from manual to automatic. The BookScan 800 scans 800 pages of a book in one hour, with the highest image quality available in this category.

“The demand for this remarkable bookscanning technology is so significant, Kirtas is introducing the BookScan 800 to provide an additional entry point for many customers,” said Kirtas Founder and CEO Lotfi Belkhir. “This is truly a breakthrough in the industry, particularly with the option to upgrade to an automatic scanner. The image quality and ease-of-use is truly superior.”

The BookScan 800 includes state-of-the-art optics capable of 300 optical DPI (dots per inch) resolution using a 12.8 megapixel (4368 x 2913 pixel) digital camera. The page images are in 36 bit RGB color depth for archive-grade reproductions. The BookScan 800 also offers search and data management using XML, plus document repurposing with OCR for 177 languages. The BookScan Editor 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.

The BookScan 800 is being released at a time when users in a variety of global industries and markets are embracing digitization technology. Manual scanners provide an ideal entry point for customers interested in exploring the possibilities and outcomes associated with digitizing documents. The ease of operation, high quality, and flexible output options enable users to experience bookscanning at its best—with the option to upgrade to a Kirtas automatic bookscanner as volumes increase.

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The manual scanner joins the rapidly expanding Kirtas product portfolio, including two automatic bookscanners: the APT BookScan 1200 (capable of scanning 1200 pages an hour) and the APT BookScan 2400 (capable of scanning 2400 pages an hour). Kirtas provides a service bureau for organizations who wish to send their books to the Kirtas team for scanning with output in a finished digitized or hard copy format.

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, their 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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