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Logos to Digitize Religious & Rare Books with Kirtas APT Bookscan1200

August 4, 2004, Victor, NY –Kirtas CEO Lotfi Belkhir, PhD announced today that Logos Bible Software of Bellingham, WA, has purchased an APT BookScan 1200™ system to further its mission of providing Christian scholars and students worldwide with high speed, searchable access to Bibles and religious reference materials in electronic form.

“In science or medicine, a one hundred-year-old textbook is an antique, but religious materials from that era are still relevant and useful. They are often cited in bibliographies and continue to be used in coursework,” explained Bob Pritchett, Logos company founder.

“Our purchase of the truly unique Kirtas APT Bookscan will primarily allow us to dramatically increase the number of important religious books available electronically in the public domain. We have been scouring used bookstores for years looking for books we could disbind, digitize and, in essence, destroy.” Pritchett says the company plans to operate the book scanner 24 hours a day to significantly add to its current offerings of 3800 titles in a dozen languages.

“This revolutionary new scanner will also allow us to produce high quality images from bound materials, including circulating and rare book collections at libraries, universities and not-for-profit organizations without any damage to the source material. In this way, we can deliver affordable access to an incredible Christian knowledge base without our customers incurring the costs typically associated with

building and maintaining a paper library.”

Since 1992, Logos has grown from two programmers into the largest developer of Bible software and a worldwide leader in multilingual electronic publishing. The company delivers full-text electronic books via CD-ROM and Internet download, and works with 115 publishers to build products from current and back listed titles. According to Pritchett, most books over 10 years old doesn't exist in digital form and publishers are excited about obtaining high quality digital content without having to physically reproduce their books from scratch.

About Kirtas Technologies

Kirtas was founded on the belief that the need for book content in digital format will increase exponentially moving forward and create tremendous opportunities for academia, corporations, the general public and the innovative companies positioned to serve them all. Concepts such as instant access to any book from anywhere, the ability to create custom anthologies from the contents of several existing books, and the potential to globally market and distribute out-of-print titles in small quantities with no production or shipping cost are all a reality today.

While a principal of the Venture Lab at Xerox Corporation, Dr. Lotfi Belkhir, CEO and founder of Kirtas Technologies, did extensive market research to investigate the potential need for an automatic book scanner in the marketplace. The response was overwhelmingly positive. In March 2001, despite a successful proof of concept, Xerox management decided to cancel funding for all non-core projects due to financial difficulties. The Book Scanner project, code-named Golden Gate, being one of these, Dr. Belkhir was presented with the opportunity to leave with an exclusive license to the page turning technology he helped create.

Announced in 2003, the APT BookScan 1200™ is part of a turn-key solution that enables a fully integrated workflow from automatic book scanning at 1200 pages per hour to post-processing and PDF file creation. The breakthrough technology redefines digitization of all bound documents, delivering gentler handling and higher quality digital images faster, with fewer errors and at a lower cost than any other solution in the marketplace. The Kirtas system offers customers full color, black-and-white and/or grayscale images plus a high level of flexibility in output format—TIFF, JPEG and a special compressed PDF file format.

(Editor's Note: An interactive demo of Kirtas Technologies' APT BookScan 1200™ can be found at the company's website: www.kirtas-tech.com <<http://www.kirtas-tech.com>>). Product photos and logos can also be found online.

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