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## **Kirtas Technologies Announces Profil Ltd. Reseller For Automated Book Scanners in Turkey**

### **Technology Used for Microsoft Live™ Book Search**

19 October 2006 Rochester, NY Kirtas Technologies, Inc., announces Profil Ltd., will be the authorized reseller for the portfolio of their revolutionary automated book scanners and software products in Turkey. The Kirtas scanners include the world's fastest, full-color, non-destructive, book digitisation solution: the APT BookScan 2400™. The patented technologies safely allow scanning of rare and fragile books with robotic technology and minimal human intervention. The APT 2400 operates at up to 2400 pages per hour in full color for high productivity. The image quality is superior, and the output includes extensive metadata to assist in indexing and full text searching.

The patented technologies in the APT BookScan 2400, along with the BookScan Editor PRO™ image processing software, are used by Kirtas in scanning books for the Microsoft Live Book Search program in the agreement announced October 17, 2006, between Microsoft and Kirtas. (see attached)

Under the reseller agreement, Profil will sell and provide installation, training, and post-sale support for the Kirtas APT BookScan products and BookScan Editor PRO software. The APT BookScan products provide superior color, grayscale or black & white images at very high speeds. Scanned books or bound documents in electronic form can then be made available on the internet.

The products are ideally suited for libraries that are digitizing their book collections containing the country's history, culture and artistry to make them electronically available on-line for their customers. Libraries can scan books safely without the risk of damage or need for disbinding. The digitisation will also help preserve the content of rare books and manuscripts that are subject to deterioration.

“We are very happy to have Profil as our reseller in the Turkish market where libraries have books that are centuries old and some from the Ottoman Empire.” comments Lotfi Belkhir, CEO and founder of Kirtas Technologies. “Making the books available electronically will increase the value of their content while making it easy to share the country’s history and culture.”

The APT BookScan products are also used by Government agencies to digitise records that are currently stored in bound-book format such as land ownership, birth, death, marriage, etc., and other records, also with significant historical and cultural value. Research and development departments are scanning their “lab books” that contain the company’s research and intellectual property records to preserve this vital information. Publishers use the systems to scan books to create the electronic file for reprinting of out-of-print books.

Omer Kalli who is the founder of Profil said that “we feel very happy to be partner with Kirtas and promote amazing technology of ATP BookScan to public and private sector in Turkey.”

*The Digitalization Process in Turkey* - Project consultant of Profil Goksel Akman said; “We are very happy to be partner with Kirtas. ATP BookScan technology provides amazing performance for digitalization process. Turkey has a big library and book sources and some of them are historical books that mostly coming from Ottoman Empire history. We believe that digitalization process in Turkey is not only important for Turkish people but also important for the rest of world that who are interested with different cultures and history.” Goksel Akman also said; “We also will provide contact with international foundations like World Bank and European Union associations. In my opinion, we will pass to digitalization successfully with ATP Book Scan technology in Turkey.

The Kirtas APT BookScan 1200 can be seen by contacting Profil and scheduling an appointment for a demonstration.

#### **About Profil**

Profil was founded in 1998. Profil has been providing new high-tech solutions to public and private sector. Profil also provided to organizational and advertising services to public and private sector. Profil signed a partnership agreement with Kirtas in 2006. The company has

been started to work for digitalization technology especially because of European Union membership process of Turkey.

For more information visit their website at [www.profilltd.com](http://www.profilltd.com)

### **About Kirtas**

Kirtas Technologies was founded in 2001 with the vision of bringing massive knowledge in books on library shelves, in government and corporate archives to a digital format that is easily accessible and advances preservation of the knowledge. Kirtas's revolutionary technology redefines digitisation of all bound documents by delivering solutions with gentler handling, higher image quality and faster conversion at a dramatically lower cost than any other solution in the marketplace. For more information visit their website at [www.kirtastech.com](http://www.kirtastech.com).

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