

Questel•Orbit & Lingway sign exclusive agreement to incorporate technology improving full-text patent reading efficiency

London – December 2, 2003 - Questel•Orbit, leading provider of intellectual property information services worldwide and Lingway, provider of language processing, announce an exclusive agreement on Lingway's reading efficiency technology relative to Questel.Orbit's full-Text patent offer.

With the emergence of full text files, powerful search engines are a first step when trying to meet user needs. Beyond the retrieval of relevant documents, it is essential to speed up the reading process of documents that can include tens if not hundreds of pages.

In this respect the Lingway Patent Suite (LPS), which combines linguistics, XML and viewing technologies, allows quick display of key information embedded in full text such as the major advantages of an invention, drawbacks of former patents, cited individuals or corporate organizations as well as potentially independent claims.

The technology will initially be made available on US, European and PCT patent documents and then will be extended to French and German Patents.

"Adding Lingway technology to Questel•Orbit's offer is a major breakthrough in this fast moving world of electronic information" commented Bernard Normier, Lingway's Chairman and CEO.

" We are very pleased to introduce this new capability that will mean a more efficient use of Patent material, i.e. a better ROI for the customer" added Charles Besson, Questel•Orbit CEO.

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