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**Swiss Firm H7b1 Celebrates Two Years of European Litigation Technology Pioneering**

**GENEVA, Switzerland (30 March 2006)** – H7b1, the Swiss firm innovating litigation technology practice in Europe, announces it celebrated two years of providing European litigation technology services.

Litigation support technology is a combination of software, techniques and expertise that allows legal professionals from corporations, law firms and courts to manage all information related to a legal matter in specialized electronic document databases.

Typical legal matters that benefit from litigation support technology include due diligence, arbitration, risk management, litigation and regulatory compliance.

Originally born in the United States, litigation support technology is now becoming used by European lawyers and risk managers as it provides a reduction in the operational costs of document management, an increase in document review efficiencies, and, most importantly, an increase in collaborative and sustainable approaches in legal matters.

**A Top-Tier Technology Service Laboratory**

Starting in 2004 with mobile units able to provide on-site services throughout Europe, H7b1 quickly became a top-tier service laboratory for international clients, securing solutions that include civil law interfacing, data protection support, multilingual practice, and European confidentiality and quality insurance components.

H7b1 has successfully served law firm, court, individual and corporate clients from Switzerland, France, Germany, The Netherlands, The United Kingdom and The United States and has partnered with industry leading software manufacturing companies such as Dataflight Software, Inc. and IPRO Tech, Inc.

**Litigation Technology Available in Europe**

*“When we started in 2004, we received some cold feedback about installing litigation support capabilities in the heart of Europe; at that time, this technology was still perceived as exclusively dedicated to serving the broad discovery from the United States,”* said Rafik Emmanuel Abboud, Managing Partner H7b1.

*Two years later, with the rise of European globalisation, transatlantic matters, European regulation, data privacy concerns and the global risk society in general, litigation support technology is perceived more objectively and is not even questioned anymore: it is being recognized as a true business-critical technique,”* he added.

H7b1 successfully proved to its customers that this technology is able to meet European quality and functional requirements by developing a multilingual practice, a data protection support solution, and an enhanced electronic data conversion process on top of standard state-of-the-art document databasing tools.

## A Worldwide Innovation

*“We are proud of the accomplished work. For European global corporations, the countdown has now started and H7b1 is ready with fully functional and adequate litigation technology solutions. For global law firms, having a service laboratory in the heart of the Civil law system is essential to the development of a truly global litigation support practice.”* Rafik Abboud added.

The Civil law system was historically originated in continental Europe and has a worldwide reach (South America, Japan, large parts of Africa, most of Europe, China, and Russia) and distinguishes itself from the Common law system (United States, United Kingdom, Honk-Hong, Singapore, Australia, and Canada) with differentiated rules of evidence in litigation.

## About H7b1

H7b1 is a Swiss litigation support corporation that offers technology services and training to the legal profession. Initially founded in 2001 as a scientific services company, H7b1 was transformed in January 2004 into the first litigation technology service company based in continental Europe. H7b1 combines internationally recognized expertise, proven technologies and the personal attention of a boutique legal technology consulting firm. H7b1 is a partner of IPRO Tech Inc ([www.iprotech.com](http://www.iprotech.com)), developers of the IPRO suite of advanced imaging products, and Dataflight Software Inc ([www.dataflight.com](http://www.dataflight.com)), developers of the advanced litigation management database software Concordance, Opticon and FYI Server. Additional information regarding H7b1 is available at [www.h7b1.com](http://www.h7b1.com).

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