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www.h7b1.com/press**H7b1 Adds Advanced EU Autocoding Technology
to its Switzerland-based EDD Processing Center**

WASHINGTON, D.C., United States, & GENEVA, Switzerland (October 7, 2006) – H7b1 (www.h7b1.com), the Swiss firm innovating litigation technology practice in Europe, today unveils a breakthrough in international litigation support, with the introduction of an advanced autocoding technology to support European Union legal specificities such as data privacy protection, multilingual management and criminal proceedings in civil-law context.

The term “document coding” is used by litigation support professionals to designate the process by which a document is indexed against a functional category, such as the date, author or document type. As a simple example, if the documents of a database are indexed against the date and the document type, the lawyer working on the evidence set will immediately be able to retrieve all the reports from a specific date or date range. “Document autocoding” is the process by which advanced data mining and categorization utilities perform an automatic coding of the documents prior to human quality control and finalization.

Confirming European Litigation Technology Leadership

The H7b1 autocoding solution was successfully developed, tested and implemented in 2005 to support in Europe a corporation facing the need of an intercontinental document production, while needing to comply with the data privacy protection regulations of its country, a member state of the European Union. The data privacy autocoding solution has since been extended by the H7b1 Technology Laboratory to include other European-specific coding needs, and integrated in the EDD conversion center operated by H7b1 in Switzerland.

The H7b1 autocoding solution delivers in Concordance, Opticon, FYI and IPRO View, the popular litigation support and document management products from Dataflight Software, Inc. and IPRO Tech, Inc.

Empowering the European Legal Community

A typical autocoding solution can reduce 80 % to 98 % of the human coding effort, thus bringing a considerable improvement of the case risk profile and making the coding process a cost-effective solution for law firms in Europe, even in large cases involving data protection sensitive legal matters.

“We felt a great responsibility to provide the European legal community with an autocoding solution that is truly geared towards the typical legal requirements applicable on the Continent,” said Rafik E. Abboud, Partner and Chief Technology Architect for H7b1. *“With the addition of this EU autocoding technology to our already advanced Geneva EDD Processing Center, our clients will continue to gain cutting edge*

advantages in their legal proceedings, and specifically in their litigation and arbitration matters.” he added.

About H7b1

H7b1 is a Swiss litigation support corporation that offers European litigation technology services and training to the legal profession throughout Europe. 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), developers of the IPRO suite of advanced imaging products, and Dataflight Software Inc (www.dataflight.com), developers of the advanced litigation management database software Concordance, Opticon and FYI. Additional information regarding H7b1 is available at www.h7b1.com

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