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Questel•Orbit Acquires 12.5% of Lingway's Capital

Press Release

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Questel•Orbit, a leading provider of intellectual property information services worldwide, announced today the acquisition of 12.5% of Lingway's capital.

Questel•Orbit and Lingway have been partnering for the last year in creating the soon to be released, PatReader product, a tool to improve full-text patent reading efficiency.

“This investment in Lingway, a leading edge company on linguistic technology making our patent products easy to read, reinforces our offer”, says Charles Besson, Questel•Orbit CEO, “and will enable us to develop new high value services for our customers.”

“We are excited in having Questel•Orbit invest in our company giving us the opportunity to full realize the value of our linguistic technology applied to industrial property” added Bernard Normier, Lingway's Chairman and CEO, “and we look forward to working with them on new engineering projects in patent and trademark information.”

About Questel•Orbit:

For over 30 years, Questel•Orbit has been helping manage the world's most important IP portfolios. The company provides a suite of leading-edge patent and trademark services to executives, scientists, researchers and competitive intelligence professionals, and helps turn their IP information into real value and enhance their organizations' competitiveness.

About Lingway:

Based in Paris, France, Lingway specializes in the design, development and implementation of linguistic-based software solutions. Specifically, Lingway's technology consists of a natural language search engine, categorization of coding tools, software for generating an XML structure from textual documents, as well as information extraction and document visualization functions. For more information, see www.lingway.com