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EBRARY ANNOUNCES STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH SIRSI SIRSI TO BUNDLE EBRARIAN FOR LIBRARIES WITH IBISTRO AND OTHER LIBRARY OFFERINGS

August 19, 2002 – Mountain View, CA – ebrary™ (www.ebrary.com), a leading provider of information distribution and retrieval services, today announced that Sirsi Corporation, the leader in new-name sales of technology for libraries around the world^I, will become a value-added reseller of its ebrarian™ for Libraries database. ebrarian for Libraries provides simultaneous, multi-user access to ebrary's growing, searchable database of more than 10,000 books from over 130 leading academic, professional and trade publishers, the majority of which were published within the last two years.

Under terms of the agreement, Sirsi will resell the ebrarian for Libraries database as part of its Unicorn® Library Management System and iBistro Electronic Library products. Sirsi is currently building the necessary interface to its Unicorn system, which will make electronic copies of ebrarian for Libraries resources directly accessible to library users via iBistro. These expanded electronic resource will be available to the more than 10,000 individual libraries served by Sirsi throughout the world, as well as to new Sirsi customers.

"ebrary offers a unique, highly flexible service that will greatly enhance our offerings to libraries by allowing any number of library users to simultaneously access books from leading publishers online – at any time, from anywhere," said Lamar Jackson Jr., Sirsi's director of global business alliances. "Additionally, ebrary's database of full-text books is exceptionally strong in important subject areas including business and economics, computers and technology, and humanities. We are very pleased to work with ebrary and to be the first integrated library system vendor to offer its customers this type of access to electronic resources. And we are excited that this is just the beginning of Sirsi's partnership with ebrary."

"Sirsi has more than 25 years of experience in providing libraries with software and services that allow people to connect with the information they need," said Christopher Warnock, CEO of ebrary. "Through our partnership, both of our organizations can more quickly and effectively reach our mutual goal of facilitating information sharing worldwide."

ABOUT SIRSI

Sirsi (www.sirsi.com) recognizes that today's librarians are on a mission to break down walls – barriers that limit the knowledge and resources accessible to library users. A partner with leading libraries around the globe since 1979, Sirsi provides software and services that assist libraries in breaking down walls, thereby promoting learning, empowerment, and opportunity for diverse user communities. Sirsi's portfolio of products and services includes the iBistro and iLink e-Library solutions, the Unicorn Library Management System, the Hyperion Digital Media Archive, and a full slate of services.

ABOUT EBRARY

ebrary is a leading provider of information distribution and retrieval services. The company's customizable ebrarian solution combines powerful software with copyright-protected books, journals, periodicals and other online documents provided by more than 130 of the world's leading publishers. The ebrarian solution enables libraries, institutions and other organizations to give their users access to authoritative materials and customizable research tools that allow them to automatically access additional materials, biographical information, maps, translations, definitions and more when words or phrases are selected. ebrary's publishing partners benefit from new sales and marketing opportunities on the Internet. ebrary is privately held and is funded by Random House Ventures LLC, Pearson plc and The McGraw-Hill Companies. For more information, visit www.ebrary.com.

I. *Library Systems Newsletter*, March 2002, named Sirsi the leader in new-name sales of integrated library systems for 2001. Sirsi held the same distinction in 1999 and 2000.