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Gibson Library Connections Lands Multimillion-Dollar Deal Using ebrary Technology

September 22, 2008 – Palo Alto, CA – ebrary®, a leading provider of e-content services and technology, today announced that Gibson Library Connections, which has licensed its e-publishing services and technology since 2005, has signed a major contract with the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) that will provide millions of dollars in revenues to participating publishers over the three-year contract term. The CRKN license further secures Gibson’s position as the leading provider and aggregator of e-books and other authoritative digital content to the Canadian library community.

“By licensing ebrary’s technology, we have been able to quickly and efficiently expand our product line and customer base, while providing new revenue opportunities for our publishing partners,” said Gary Gibson, President of Gibson Library Connections. “Our initiative with CRKN is proof that the time for e-books has arrived, and ebrary’s technology is at the forefront of the digital content revolution.”

Under terms of the agreement CRKN, a partnership of 67 Canadian universities serving more than 900,000 end-users, will license Gibson’s Electronic Library Publishers Collection of more than 8,000 titles in the social sciences and humanities. The titles have been contributed by 47 Canadian publishers, including University of Toronto Press, Dundurn Group, and McGill-Queen’s University Press.

Available under a simultaneous, multi-user access model, the collection will be delivered via Gibson’s Canadian Electronic Library powered and hosted by ebrary. As an industry first, the

new collection will also be locally hosted by the Ontario Council of Universities' Scholars Portal using ISIS, ebrary's standalone, licensed e-publishing system. For more information about the project, visit <http://www.gibsonlibraryconnections.ca/whatsnew.htm>.

“ebrary is very proud to extend our technology to our customers in a manner that best meets their individual needs as well as the needs of their own clients and end-users,” said Kevin Sayar, President and Co-founder of ebrary. “Gibson is a perfect example of an ebrary customer that has fully leveraged our technology, and we are thrilled to see them succeed in the rapidly growing digital content market.”

Key features and benefits of ebrary's e-publishing system to aggregators and publishers include the following:

- Supports multiple business and payment models
- Integrates multiple digital products and online resources
- The ebrary Reader™, available as an Active X or Java-based program, streams documents, eliminating cumbersome document downloads
- Leverages industry standard PDF
- Built-in DRM
- Full-text search and indexing
- APIs for further integration and customization
- System localized in multiple languages
- Reporting tools and usage statistics
- ebrary or locally hosted

Notable end-user features include the following:

- ebrary InfoTools™ provides contextual linking to multiple online resources
- Multiple options for searching and navigating
- Personal bookshelves that automatically store links to bookmarks, highlights, and notes
- Automatic citations when text is printed or copied and pasted with URL hyperlinks back to the source
- Highlighting and annotating
- Ability to transform text into a hyperlink to a URL of the end-user's choice

In a separate press release issued today, ebrary announced that its reseller BRA Virtual eContent Limited (BRAVeCONTENT®) has licensed its e-publishing system to aggregate e-books and other digital content from publishers in Sub-Saharan Africa. Additionally, BRAVeCONTENT has licensed a region-wide subscription to ebrary's Academic Complete e-book database. Read the press release at http://www.ebrary.com/corp/newspdf/ebrary_BRA.pdf.

About Gibson

[Gibson Library Connections](#) is a publisher and distributor of digital content serving the Canadian library market. The principals, Gary and Bob Gibson, have a combined record of over 50 years of service to the electronic publishing and library communities in Canada.

About ebrary (www.ebrary.com)

ebrary® is a leading provider of e-content services and technology. The company helps libraries, publishers, and other organizations disseminate valuable information to end users, while improving their research and document interaction.

The company has developed a flexible e-content platform, which customers may use in a number of different, integrated capacities: ebrary customers may purchase or subscribe to e-books and other content under a variety of pricing and access models, and they may license the ebrary platform to distribute, sell, and market their own content online. All options are delivered using a customizable interface and include the ebrary Reader™ with InfoTools™ software, which enable integration with other resources to provide an economical and efficient way to utilize information.

The ebrary system currently hosts more than 170,000 e-books and other titles from more than 300 leading publishers and aggregators.

Founded in 1999, ebrary is privately held and is headquartered in Palo Alto, CA.

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