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ebrary Partners with Leading Book Distributors in Germany and Israel

March 16, 2009 – Palo Alto, CA, USA – ebrary®, a leading provider of e-content services and technology, today announced that it is partnering with three premier book distributors to make its growing selection of e-books and other digital materials available to academic libraries in Europe and Israel under a variety of subscription and purchase models. The company’s new representatives are Massmann Internationale Buchhandlung in northern Germany; Dietmar Dreier Wissenschaftliche Versandbuchhandlung in southern Germany, Austria and Switzerland; and Ziur Information Systems Ltd. in Israel.

“There is increasing demand for authoritative e-books and other titles among universities and other institutions in Germany,” said Kay Massmann, Managing Director at Massmann. “We are excited to address our customers’ needs through our partnership with ebrary, which also offers unique research tools that allow students and other end-users to quickly and easily find and use digital information.”

“Massmann, Dietmar Dreier, and Ziur all have decades of experience understanding and fulfilling the needs of academic libraries,” said Ian Hames, Vice President of International Sales at ebrary. “Through these new partnerships, more libraries in Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Israel will have the opportunity to experience how they can use ebrary’s flexible models and technology to create and build e-book collections in a wide range of subject areas.”

Key features and benefits of ebrary’s technology:

- Ability to subscribe to, purchase, and customize collections of authoritative e-books and other content from more than 350 publishing partners.
- Choice of several viewing options, including ebrary's Unity Reader™ with QuickView™, Plug-in Reader with QuickView, and QuickView Reader only.
- ebrary InfoTools™ integrates content in the ebrary system with the online resources of libraries' choice.
- Multiple options for searching and navigating.
- Personal bookshelves automatically store links to highlights, notes, and more, providing an archive of research.
- Automatic citations when text is printed or copied and pasted into Word or any text application. Citations include an automatic URL hyperlink back to the source.
- Highlighting and annotating.
- Ability to transform text into a hyperlink to a URL of the end-user's choice.
- Multiple ways to navigate throughout a document or the entire selection.
- Text-to-speech and other keyboard shortcuts to assist end-users with special accessibility needs.
- Reporting tools and usage statistics.
- Free on-demand MARC records.
- System localized in English, French, Swedish, Spanish and Portuguese.

About Massmann International Booksellers, Hamburg

Massmann International Booksellers was founded in 1989 by trained booksellers Dorothea and Kay Massmann in Hamburg and has operated since then as supplier and service provider for university and research libraries in Germany. The company specialises in the worldwide procurement of books, monographic continuation orders, databases and eBooks. Massmann International Booksellers has a clear policy of closely following the needs and expectations of our customers and providing a professional service.

About Dietmar Dreier International Library Suppliers, Duisburg

Having founded the company back in 1981, Dietmar Dreier International Library Suppliers were determined from the very start to do business with university libraries, research institutions and other scientific libraries only and to focus on the supply of monographic titles and monographic periodicals from all over the world.

Dealing with e-content has increased the range of titles Dietmar Dreier supply. European library clients appreciate Dreiers' personal service and fair partnership. Being a family enterprise Dietmar Dreier are situated in Duisburg.

About Ziur Information Systems Ltd.

Ziur Information Systems Ltd has been in the information business in Israel since 1978. The company is mainly active in information management within organizations and in marketing and distributing academic and scientific information.

The information management activities include information work flow within the organization, archives construction and management, operating a large microfilm and imaging service bureau, and hardware & software supply for these activities.

Ziur also distributes in Israel academic and scientific information as per customer preference and need: online databases, journals and books in printed and electronic versions, information on microform and dissertations & theses from around the world.

About ebrary (www.ebrary.com)

ebrary® is a leading provider of e-content services and technology. The company helps libraries, publishers, and other organizations worldwide 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 a choice of ebrary Readers with QuickView™ for instant viewing in a browser and InfoTools™ software which provide contextual searching and integration with multiple online resources.

ebrary currently offers a growing selection of more than 170,000 e-books and other titles from more than 350 leading publishers and aggregators.

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

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