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ebrary Announces Public Beta of New Java-Based Reader

January 7, 2008 – Palo Alto, CA – ebrary® (www.ebrary.com), a leading provider of e-content services and technology, today announced that it has rolled out the first stage of its public beta for its new Java-based Reader. The new ebrary Reader™, which will replace the company’s current plug-in, is now available to new ebrary subscription customers on Windows and Linux platforms. All ebrary end-users will have access to the new ebrary Reader in the first quarter of 2008.

“ebrary has just completed intensive testing of our new Java-based Reader with a select group of librarians from around the world, with very positive results,” said Christopher Warnock, ebrary’s CEO. “Among other improvements, our testers found the new Reader easier to implement and use, and its new features received high ratings as well. We are very excited to make our new Reader available to the library community, and we thank our testers for their valuable input and support.”

The ebrary Reader enables materials to be viewed online and streams pages, providing faster access to large documents. It also gives the ebrary platform all of its rich functionality including ebrary InfoTools™, which enables integration between multiple online resources and instant, contextual linking when end-users select words of interest in a document.

Key enhancements and new features include the following:

- Better annotating features, with any combination of:
 - Multiple highlights and notes per page
 - Resizable and movable notes
 - Highlights with or without notes attached
 - Color coding of notes and highlights

- Ability to transform text into a hyperlink to a URL of the end-user's choice.
- Improved keyboard shortcuts to assist end-users with special accessibility needs.
- Transparent updates, eliminating the need for end-user or IT intervention.
- Ability to display, print, and copy/paste text from documents in any language.
- Improved support for color images.
- Better text handling when copying text.

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 end-user 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.

ebrary currently offers a growing selection of more than 120,000 e-books and other titles from more than 285 leading publishers and aggregators.

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

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