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**IImage Retrieval UK Signs Agreement with nextScan to Provide
Microfilm Scanner Sales and Support**

*Sister company to nextScan's US reseller appointed exclusive reseller for the UK,
Scotland and Ireland*

ARMA Boston, booth # 202 – October 19, 2003 – nextScan, a provider of the next generation in film scanning technology, today announced that IImage Retrieval UK Ltd. has been added as their exclusive reseller for the UK, Scotland and Ireland. IImage Retrieval UK will also have non-exclusive rights to sell and support customers in the rest of Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Under the agreement, IImage Retrieval UK, an industry leader in providing software and services to convert microfilm, will be selling and supporting the complete line of nextScan products, including the 220 ppm Phoenix™ and 300 ppm Eclipse™ film scanners.

“This partnership made a lot of sense. Our sister company in Texas, IImage Retrieval, is the exclusive reseller for nextScan products in the US. They are experienced in supporting these scanners and have been involved in the development and sales process from the start. Because of this relationship, we will offer our customers the same superior scanners coupled with the best after sale support,” said Kevin Jenkins, Managing Director of IImage Retrieval UK Ltd. “We are very excited to be representing nextScan in Europe.”

Said Steven Butterfield, President and CEO of nextScan, “This agreement with IImage Retrieval UK further shows our commitment to providing the best possible film scanning technology to our customers not just in the North America, but throughout the world. With their extensive knowledge of conversion services, current scanning technologies and software development we are confident that IImage Retrieval UK is the best company in the UK to represent nextScan and its products.”

IImage Retrieval UK Ltd. will be selling, installing and supporting the full line of nextScan products including the Phoenix, a 220 ppm product designed to fit within the housing of older, unsupported SunRise® scanners, and the higher performance Eclipse rollfilm scanner. The Eclipse was designed for the most challenging of conversion projects, scanning at 300 pages per minute, 16 and 35mm. Both products scan grayscale and bitonal images without a reduction in output speed and have Adaptive Speed Control, auto thresholding and the latest in high performance camera technology.

About IImage Retrieval UK Ltd.

Founded in 1993, IImage Retrieval UK Ltd. has been servicing the European film scanning market for the last ten years. IImage Retrieval UK Ltd. has grown from a small

service bureau and software development company to a premier reseller of micrographics products – providing sales, installation, training, service and parts distribution as well as being a custom software developer and provider of conversion services for the European imaging industry.

About nextScan

Incorporated in 2002, nextScan is providing the next generation in film scanning technology. nextScan was established to give the microfilm conversion market an alternative to today's 5 to 8 year old rollfilm scanner designs, as well as provide the support they require for success. Designed with the latest in camera, lighting, chip and software technology, nextScan scanners far exceed the quality, speed and reliability of other products on the market, increasing production and lowering cost for customers scanning film in many different industries. nextScan is privately held and headquartered in Danville, CA with field offices in Texas and Idaho.

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