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# Liquent and Microsystems Ink Exclusive Partnership Arrangement

Liquent to offer solutions that analyze, detect, and correct formatting errors in drug submission documentation

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Liquent, Inc., the leading provider of electronic publishing solutions and regulatory and intellectual property information, announced today at the Drug Information Association's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting an agreement with Microsystems, a division of Freedom Solutions Group LLC, to exclusively resell its products within the life sciences industry. Lombard, IL-based Microsystems has over 20 years experience in high-end document systems and document processing.

Documentation subject to regulatory review must adhere to strict content, style, and structure regulations mandated by applicable regulatory authorities. As a result, the time and cost of quality assurance operations required to produce compliant documentation is an enormous burden to pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and other life sciences organizations. Microsystems products ensure the quality of documents remains intact in the early stages of the regulatory life cycle so there will be minimal manipulation at the crucial publishing stage of submission documents.

"Microsystems' extensive experience in document-intensive environments coupled with Liquent's proven regulatory publishing technology will enable our customers to create documents that are regulatory compliant before they reach the final – and most critical – submissions publishing stage," stated Rick Dool, Liquent President & CEO. "Our agreement with Microsystems is just one example of how Liquent is looking for new ways to enhance submission publishing much earlier in the product development lifecycle."

Added Microsystems CEO Tom O'Sullivan, "Liquent is by far the industry leader in regulatory submission publishing, an extraordinarily complex and document-intensive process. Microsystems tools reduce the overall effort through discovery of -- and resolution to -- issues that can surface as content moves through an increasingly strenuous electronic lifecycle. We are pleased to form this relationship, bringing early-detection and correction systems to workgroups and authors responsible for meeting compliance guidelines."

Microsystems products support content development from three key vantage points: analysis, conformity, and cleanup. DocXamine<sup>TM</sup> conducts hands-free, customizable electronic document detection and analysis; DocXstyles<sup>TM</sup> interactively conforms authored content to a template's style collection; and DocXtools<sup>TM</sup> accelerates cleanup with a rich set of power tools designed to correct the common attributes of repurposed electronic content.

## About Liquent, Inc.

Liquent, Inc. is the world's leading provider of content assembly, publishing, and regulatory and intellectual property information solutions for the life sciences industry. Based on a foundation of unparalleled rendering technology, Liquent's publishing solutions enable users to transform their proprietary content into open formats such as PDF and XML. Liquent's IDRAC database service provides the most comprehensive regulatory and intellectual property information on the drug and biologics regulatory environment in 30 of the largest markets in the world. In addition to technology and information, Liquent provides a full range of services to its clients including software implementation, business process analysis, staff augmentation, and complete regulatory publishing outsourcing for reports and submissions.

As a result, 18 of the top 20 global pharmaceutical companies rely on Liquent to stay current with regulatory requirements and to provide the technology and services to produce mission-critical documents including New Drug Applications, Marketing Authorization Applications, Common Technical Documents, reports, technical documentation, and more. Over the last decade, more than 5,000 regulatory submissions have been produced using Liquent's unparalleled products and expert services.

In addition to its headquarters in suburban Philadelphia, Liquent maintains offices in Research Triangle Park, NC. Liquent's European headquarters resides in Paris, France, with additional offices in the United Kingdom and Germany. Liquent is part of the Intellectual Property Group of Information Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: IHI). For more information, go to <a href="https://www.liquent.com">www.liquent.com</a>.

## **About Microsystems**

Microsystems is uniquely qualified to provide document creation support, based on over 20 years experience in high-end document authoring systems (beginning in 1981), document conversion and migration (1995), and desktop tools development for formatting and cleanup (1998). Microsystems has established itself as the leading provider of software solutions and services for document-intensive industries. The company has a dominant position in the legal market and major customers in the pharmaceutical, corporate, and government markets. The company's software solutions are recognized as the principal technology set used for managing the lifecycle of document content. Its software products combined with expert services aid in improving initial document structure and improved document production processes. Microsystems estimates that its products have handled over 300 million documents.

In 1999, Microsystems launched its Knowledge Partnership program, an innovative combination of software products, consulting services, and knowledge transfer sessions designed to improve the total document structuring process. An exclusive feature of the program is its Document-ER service, poised to promptly remedy problem documents on an emergency basis.

Microsystems is headquartered in suburban Chicago. It also has offices in California, New Jersey, and Washington, DC. For more information, call 630-261-0111 or go to <a href="https://www.microsystems.com">www.microsystems.com</a>.

#### About Information Holdings, Inc.

Information Holdings, Inc. is a leading provider of information products and services to scientific, technical, medical, intellectual property, and IT learning markets. Through its Intellectual Property Group, which includes MicroPatent®, Master Data Center™, Liquent, and LPS Group, the company provides a broad array of databases, information products, and complementary services for intellectual property and regulatory professionals. The company is recognized as a leading provider of intellectual property information over the Internet.

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