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Questel Acquires INCOM IPS Business

Paris – Washington, DC – May 31st 2007 – Questel, a leading provider of intellectual property information services worldwide, announced today the acquisition of INCOM IPS business.

INCOM IPS, based in Bonn, Germany, is a well known and respected company in the intellectual property field, with more than 15 years experience with patent information processing. Their key patent solution products include PATWARE, professional solution for managing digital patent information; PatCitation, for searching and monitoring patent cited references; PatDocs, for delivering worldwide electronic patent copies; and PatLegal, for monitoring patent family and legal status.

“INCOM is highly respected in Germany and Europe for developing high quality patent products as well as customized patent management solutions,” states Charles Besson, CEO of Questel. “The acquisition of INCOM’s business will allow us to offer these tools, especially their alerting and reporting solutions, to Questel’s worldwide customers. We will continue developing INCOM’s product lines and will introduce new features in the coming weeks, as well as integrating them into our QPAT patent service.”

Gert Frackenpohl, CEO of INCOM IPS, will stay on with Questel as a consultant to manage the continued development and integration.

About Questel:

For over 30 years, Questel has been helping manage the world's most important Intellectual Property portfolios. We provide a suite of leading-edge patent, trademark and industrial design services to executives, scientists, researchers and competitive intelligence professionals, and help turn their IP information into real value and enhance their organizations' competitiveness.

Known for our databases collections, we also provide a wide array of tools for searching and watching IP information; reading, analyzing, archiving and sharing results; docketing software.

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