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**Colortrac provide 26 SmartLF wide format scanning systems for the Lebanese Parliamentary elections 7th June 2009**

In May 2009 Colortrac Ltd, manufacturers of SmartLF large format scanners and universal copy stations, completed the sale of 26 SmartLF Ci 40m (monochrome) high resolution technical imaging scanners to the Lebanese Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Colortrac SmartLF scanners were supplied as part of an EU (European Union) initiative to assist in the processing of ballot papers cast in the Lebanese Parliamentary elections held on June 7th. With over one and a half million votes cast, a critical requirement was for the scanning to be done in the shortest possible time. SmartLF Ci 40 was chosen because of its 40" image width, high speed, ease of use and compatibility with the software applications used to count the votes.

Colortrac worked closely with its Lebanese distributor, Beirut-based Digital Image Solutions (DIS), to provide the best solution for the customer requirement in terms of specification and performance, at an affordable price for the taxpayer. Once it was confirmed that SmartLF had won the tender, Colortrac staff worked round the clock to provide Digital Image Solutions with the 26 SmartLF Ci 40m large format scanners within an extremely tight delivery schedule.

"I wish I had had a camera with me to capture the expression on the face of the person in charge of the scanning section at the Ministry of Internal Affairs the first time the SmartLF Ci 40m scanners were tested. They were astonished by the scanning speed, image quality and how easy they are to operate" said Elie Saab, Managing Director of Digital Image Solutions.

"Despite the huge number of documents which needed to be processed in a very short time, we did not receive any technical support calls regarding any of the SmartLF scanners said Saab. This demonstrates the reliability of Colortrac's products. After the election, officials admitted to Digital Image Solutions that the

problem-free implementation of Colortrac SmartLF scanners was one of the best projects ever to happen at the at the Ministry of Internal Affairs.”

“Digital Image Solutions represent several international brands. The most efficient support we have ever experienced is that supplied by Colortrac’s sales and service centre. We thank all at Colortrac, especially Peter Sandberg who was a key factor in this deal. Moreover, we thank Colortrac for their loyalty to us as their Lebanese distributor” said Saab.

Peter Sandberg, Colortrac's Business Development Manager for EMEA, (Europe, Middle East, Africa), says “A wise person once told me ‘You cannot afford to ignore the small countries - they are too many.’ Colortrac has consistently endeavoured over many years to offer as good service and support to its distributors in small countries as to those in large ones. The result is that Colortrac has a very strong base of dedicated distributors in many countries.”

“In Lebanon, I worked closely with Elie Saab at Digital Image Solutions to provide him with whatever he needed through the whole sales process, to bring his bid to the Ministry of Internal Affairs to a successful conclusion. One of Colortrac's strengths is the dedication of our distribution partners. Their strength is built in part on the support we offer in return. In looking to expand, Colortrac wants to find distributors that we can work successfully with in a similar way.”

SmartLF Ci 40 is Colortrac’s latest CIS (contact image sensor) technology scanner. It is designed for high speed scanning of wide format technical drawings, maps and office documents at high resolution. Its unique front-feed, front exit paper handling gives users the easiest and most direct control over document collection of all large format scanners. The speed and simplicity of SmartLF Ci 40 makes it ideal for one-off walk-up scans as well as high volume production scanning.

While SmartLF Ci 40 is aimed primarily at AEC, CAD and GIS users scanning technical drawings and maps for archiving, file distribution and copying, its use in the Lebanese elections demonstrates just how practical and flexible it is as a wide format document scanner. Its speed greatly enhanced the Ministry of Internal Affairs ability to process the 1.6 million voting forms in the shortest time allowed.

“We are very proud to have played a role, however small, in the democratic process of Lebanon and we wish all the people there a peaceful and successful future” said Peter de Winter-Brown, Sales & Marketing Director Colortrac Ltd.

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Founded in 1989 Colortrac Ltd is a dedicated manufacturer of large format scanners and scanning software based in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, UK, a region of British excellence in science and technology. As an acknowledged wide format innovator and industry leader, Colortrac can claim a number of notable "firsts", most importantly the development of the first large format colour scanner. Not bound by doctrine or technology, Colortrac was the first wide format scanner manufacturer to recognise the individual merits of CIS and CCD sensor technology. Colortrac use both technologies to provide practical solutions that meet the divergent needs of the Graphic Arts, AEC, CAD, GIS, EDM and FM technical documents scanning markets to best effect. The Colortrac range of SmartLF large format scanners, now in their fifth generation, excels in meeting the specific requirements of these markets while offering unrivalled price and performance benefits. Colortrac Ltd also has offices in Beijing & Suzhou in P.R. China and in Golden CO, USA.