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**BERTL Award Colortrac 4.5 Star OUTSTANDING rating for the SmartLF Gx+ T42 and SmartLF Ci 40 large format scanners**

Allied Images, Colortrac's UK and Ireland distributor, is pleased to announce that Colortrac, the leading innovator in large format scanners and scanning software, is the first wide format scanner manufacturer to receive BERTL, (Business Equipment Research & Test Laboratories) 4 ½-Star "Outstanding" ratings for both its CCD and CIS technology SmartLF graphics and technical document large format scanners

Colortrac's BERTL certificate confirms that both the SmartLF Gx+ 42 and SmartLF Ci 40 products have been tested and certified by BERTL as providing exceptional performance and features which offer a lasting return on investment. BERTL highly rated these award-winning SmartLF scanners' for Build Quality, Ease of Use, Scanning Accuracy, Performance and Price.

Peter de Winter-Brown, Colortrac's Sales and Marketing Director, said "We are delighted that an independent and well respected product evaluation expert like BERTL has awarded our newest large format scanners a 4 ½ Star OUTSTANDING rating. Colortrac will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its incorporation later this month and this award confirms we are on the right track, endorsing our efforts to bring great products to market at the right price".

**The Colortrac SmartLF Gx+ 42 wide format scanners**

The award-winning SmartLF Gx+ 42 (T42 Thick Media option) is a high performance CCD-based color scanner designed for the reprographics, graphic arts, photographic, corporate graphics, GIS and the top-end AEC markets. The forerunner to the enhanced current SmartLF Gx+ series, the SmartLF Gx 42, is the recipient of Wide-Format Imaging Reader's Choice Top Products Award 2009.

The SmartLF Gx+ 42 is the first CCD-based wide format scanner with true 1200dpi optical resolution, "the highest in its class.". According to BERTL, its "combination of high resolution and CCD imaging technology creates a flexible, multi-purpose scanning system capable of capturing both very fine line and image details while reproducing colour graphics in vivid, high fidelity colours"

BERTL conclude, "Colortrac's 6th generation SmartLF Gx+ 42 range now defines a new industry benchmark. Its combination of instant-on, long-life 2D LED illumination, full 1200dpi optical CCD resolution, power-saving ENERGY STAR compliance and fast scan speeds is unavailable in any other product. Contributing to its overall value is the SmartLF's "scan once" software that works in real-time without a need to rescan, saving businesses time and money by making users more productive. All of these features make the attractively-priced SmartLF Gx+ T42 scanner the best-of-breed in CCD-based scanning."

#### The Colortrac SmartLF Ci 40

The SmartLF Ci 40 wide format scanner is an affordable, CIS-based 40" inch large format technical document scanner which has a unique front-feed, front exit paper path. It is an ENERGY STAR qualified scanner offering high quality imaging performance, Ethernet 1000 connectivity and instant-on LED long life illumination for low cost of operation and maintenance.

The unique document feed system of the SmartLF Ci 40 offers fast and reliable technical document scanning at 600dpi optical resolution and can be operated in confined workspaces where other large scanners cannot be placed. The SmartLF Ci 40 wide format scanner's CIS imaging technology gives it extremely sharp, finely resolved and geometrically accurate images which are especially suited to scanning technical documents.

BERTL says the SmartLF Ci 40 is "the most accurate large format scanner in the SmartLF range."

SmartLF Ci 40 features which BERTL admired also are:

- Ease of Use - "excellent ease of use - ideally suited for AEC, CAD, and GIS technical documents"
- Unique Paper Path - "make the SmartLF Ci 40 an attractive buy as it can be placed against a wall and saves on office space"

- **ScanWorks Software** - "works in real-time without a need to rescan, saving businesses time and money, by making users more productive"
- **Performance** - "superior overall performance in testing, excellent ease of use, and produces high-quality images"
- **Price** - "remarkably good value for your money. Its combination of software, pricing, and fast black and white and colour scanning speed, makes it an excellent choice"

**BERTL tested the Colortrac SmartLF Gx+ T42e and SmartLF Ci 40e (enhanced colour) models, the top of their respective ranges.**

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#### **Notes for Editors:**

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##### **About Colortrac**

Founded in 1989 and based near Cambridge in the UK, Colortrac is the leading innovator in professional wide format color scanners and image acquisition software solutions. Colortrac was the first large format scanner manufacturer to recognize the individual merits of CIS and CCD image sensor technology. This realization led to the creation of the SmartLF wide format scanner family in 2004. Colortrac SmartLF large format scanners provide affordable solutions for the divergent needs of the Graphic Arts, Reprographics, AEC, CAD, GIS, EDM and FM technical documents scanning markets. Colortrac Ltd has subsidiary offices in Beijing and Suzhou, P.R. China and in Chantilly, Virginia, USA. Information about Colortrac's products can be found at [www.colortrac.com](http://www.colortrac.com).

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