

Press Release

Questel subsidiary Edital acquired by Wolters Kluwer business

Paris, 22 July 2010: Questel, a leading provider in intellectual property information solutions that has been backed by Syntegra Capital Fund III since 2007, announced today that it has signed a definitive agreement under which Wolters Kluwer will purchase Edital, its subsidiary specializing in trademark information through CT Corsearch, part of Wolters Kluwer Corporate Legal Services.

The sale forms part of Questel's previously announced strategy to focus on and grow its patent businesses. In June 2010 Questel announced two acquisitions, PatentPilot, based in Europe, and Specialized Patent Services, headquartered in the US, reinforcing its existing activities in this area. *"The Edital sale will give us the means to accelerate a build-up strategy around the innovative, fast-growing patent industry", said Charles Besson, Chief Executive Officer of Questel.*

"This is a very exciting move for Questel which will enable it to focus on reinforcing its position as the preferred software and service supplier for patent users and we look forward to partnering in other opportunities to enhance Questel's leading edge globally" added **Patrick Bergot, partner at Syntegra Capital.**

Questel intends to broaden the type of patent related information it currently supplies to the intellectual property market, including the addition of even more valuable content such as financial, scientific and legal data. This move will greatly enrich the value of the services that Questel provides to its customers and offer a more comprehensive solution for the patent world. *"Our users have expressed a need for data to complement their patent searches", continued Charles Besson, "In the past two years, we have considerably improved our patent content (e.g. merging 22 full-text with 90 bibliographic patent sources into a family structured patent database, and produced 14 industrial designs databases) and we need now to seamlessly link patents to the outside world".*

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About Syntegra Capital

Syntegra Capital, founded in 1997 as SGCE, was initially sponsored by Société Générale. The firm is a middle market private equity firm focusing on four geographic areas of Continental Europe: Benelux, France, Germany and Italy. Syntegra Capital has a team of eleven investment professionals operating from offices in Frankfurt, London, Milan and Paris and typically makes equity investments from €7 million to €35 million. The team has so far invested in 33 companies in a variety of industries. Among others, it has bought into AEB (food ingredients, Italy), Altice/Coditel (cable operator, France/Belgium), Beissbarth (garage equipment, Germany/Italy/France), Druck Chemie (specialty chemicals, France/Germany), Gevers (intellectual property management, Belgium), GHH Valdunes (railway wheels, France/Germany), Joyau (logistics, France), Lince (business information, Italy), Moleskine (diaries & notebooks, Italy), Schülerhilfe (educational services, Germany), Stark-Verlag (publishing, Germany), SVP (advisory services, France) and Unither (pharmaceutical sub contract manufacturing, France).

About CT Corsearch

CT Corsearch provides high-quality, intuitive tools and expertise that trademark professionals need to effectively manage the trademark screening, search review and watching processes. Its highly trained researchers and customer-designed tools enable the company to offer the premier solutions in the industry. For more information, please visit www.ctcorsearch.com.

CT Corsearch is part of Wolters Kluwer Corporate Legal Services, a business of Wolters Kluwer.

About Questel

Questel has been focusing on Intellectual Property for more than 30 years. We provide a suite of leading-edge patent, trademark and industrial design services to researchers, lawyers, scientists, and competitive intelligence professionals. Known for the largest databases collections in the world, we also offer a wide array of tools for searching, watching, archiving and sharing information, as well as analyzing and managing IP portfolios.