

Qualis SCA announces the sale of Exalead SA.

Paris, France – June 9th, 2010 – Qualis SCA announced today the sale of Exalead SA to Dassault Systèmes SA for approximately €135.0 million.

Initially a research program of the École Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris, Exalead was transformed, with the kind support of Robert Pistre, into a stand-alone company by Qualis in 2001. Since 2001, Exalead has grown to become a true leader in search technology and applications.

In the early years of its involvement, Qualis focused on assembling a team of experts with advanced scientific skills within Exalead in order to develop a strong technological platform. After Qualis shifted its focus in 2005 to the development of Exalead's sales force and marketing initiatives, revenue jumped from €1 million to €14 million in 2009.

Based in Paris, Exalead has offices in Italy, Spain, Germany, The Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States and relies on a network of approximately forty partners and resellers in almost twenty countries in Europe and the rest of the world.

Today, with more than 250 clients worldwide and over 100 million people relying on Exalead's technology for information search, access and reporting every month, including companies such as Sanofi-Aventis and World Bank for business use, and Friendster, Lagardère Active and ViaMichelin for contextual consumer search, Exalead has become a leading provider of Search Platforms and Search-Based Applications (SBA) for consumer and business users. Exalead provides the industry's only platform designed from the ground up to apply advanced semantic processing to Web-scale data volumes and usage.

“After almost ten years of cooperation with, and support from, our financial investor Qualis, we are now ideally positioned in the marketplace to be positive about our outlook for the future,” commented Alain Cotte, CEO of Exalead.

Emmanuel Coste, a Partner at Qualis, added: “We are confident that the Exalead adventure will accelerate with Dassault Systèmes. It was not a light decision, but one we made with the deep understanding of the fit for Exalead within Dassault Systèmes we gained through the discussion and implementation of both a technological and a commercial partnership.”

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About Qualis S.C.A.

Qualis S.C.A is a holding company, with offices in Paris and New York. Headquartered in Paris, Qualis had revenues of approximately 0.8 billion euros in 2009 and has grown through acquisitions and the organic development of businesses in a diverse range of industries, including finance and real estate, capital goods, technology and services.

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