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New Production Scanners from Kodak Alaris Offer Smart Document Sorting to Increase Automation and Reduce Costs

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For high-volume scanning operations such as service bureaus, Business Process Outsourcers (BPOs) and corporate mailrooms, much of the document capture process is done manually. Requirements vary from one job to the next, making it difficult to automate workflows. Document preparation and post scan processing[1] drive a large portion of costs, which can be as high as 80 percent of total capture operating expenses[2] . Streamlining these processes is critical to saving money, improving response times, and helping scanning service providers differentiate themselves in a crowded marketplace.

To help address these challenges, Kodak Alaris is launching two new additions to its i5000 Series Scanner family. The Kodak i5650S and i5850S Scanners offer three-pocket sorting designed for the extreme scanning demands of service bureaus, BPOs and corporate mailrooms. Combining smart sorting with high-speed throughput and superior image quality leads to increased productivity and significantly lower document capture costs.

"Other high-volume sorting scanners on the market today can only sort using vendor specific proprietary software," said Susheel John, global category director, Scanners & Services, Kodak Alaris Information Management. "With this in mind, we designed the i5650S and i5850S Scanners to enable most sorting jobs via standard drivers such as TWAIN and ISIS. This makes it much easier for our customers to get to the next level of productivity without having to learn a completely new system."

For customer onboarding, greater productivity starts with smarter sorting

Applying for a loan or mortgage is a paper-intensive process. As part of the customer onboarding process, banks need to receive original documents from applicants to meet compliance requirements. To ensure originals are returned to each applicant, documents must be carefully prepared before scanning begins, then separated once scanning is complete. This manual process can be error prone, labor intensive and costly.

The i5650S and i5850S simplify the process by reducing the amount of manual labor. Using the patch-sheet recognition feature to separate document batches, reusable patch sheets are separated and output to the rear exit tray, while original customer documents are automatically separated from the loan application pages and output to an exception tray at the front of the scanner. This significantly reduces the amount of time and labor required to complete the job.

Building on a winning platform

The new i5650S and i5850S Scanners deliver all of the benefits of the award-winning i5000 Series Scanners including excellent processing speed from 180 - 210 pages per minute (ppm). Additional features include:

- Advanced exception handling, including Interactive Multifeed Recovery, which increases hourly throughput.

- Intelligent imprinting to enable tracking of each document from the time it is scanned until it is recycled or returned to the customer.
- Three output trays (two front and one rear) to provide a separate place for collecting exception documents and reusable patch documents.

Customers can continue to take advantage of Kodak Capture Pro Software, a powerful batch capture software solution that can be integrated into their current capture environment to streamline data entry and make the most of Kodak Alaris' Information Management technology.

The Kodak i5650S and i5850S Scanners will be available in all regions in November. The official public unveiling will be October 16-20 at GITEX Technology Week in Dubai.

For more information, please visit: kodakalaris.com/b2b/products/document-scanners/production/i5850S-Scanner.

[1]Document preparation includes opening mail, removing staples, applying bar code labels, inserting patch (separator) sheets, and other manual tasks that are necessary before scanning can begin. Post-scan processing includes image quality assurance (QA), indexing, reassembly of documents, and export to repositories and transactional business processes.

[2]An independent study by Kodak Alaris confirmed that 70-80 percent of the cost associated with document capture is related to preparing and post-handling of documents.