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Update on Relais and Open Source

In 2008 Relais International announced that we would make parts of our Relais products open source. This has however remained a low priority for us in light of other commitments to customers; as a result we have not yet made a release under an open source license. Currently our resources are focussed on the launch of Relais D2D – Discovery to Delivery - we will provide an update on the status of an open source license by the end of 2010 after the implementation of Relais D2D.

Relais International remains fully committed to ensuring our products, including Relais D2D, are open. This affords our customers the maximum flexibility in integrating Relais with systems in their own libraries. To this end Relais actively supports well known library standards such as NCIP, Z39.50, OpenURL and ISO 10160/1 (ISO ILL). In addition we offer and continue to develop web services to facilitate interaction between disparate systems – for example the ability to add and query requests.

Relais™ International Inc is based in Ottawa, Canada and has been selling systems to support resource sharing, interlibrary loan and document delivery services since 1996. Relais International (www.relais-intl.com) assists libraries in implementing intelligent and automated methods to support requesting through to delivery of documents. Relais products range from scanning stations through to fully integrated request management, scanning and delivery software suitable for a single library through to a consortium.

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