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INTRALLECT AT HEART OF EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY £5M E-LEARNING PROJECT

Technology developed by Edinburgh-based Intrallect is to form the core of a £5m e-learning initiative at Edinburgh University.

The university plans to spend £5m over the next five years on creating a world-class e-learning environment for staff and students. At its heart will be Intrallect's Learning Object Management System IntraLibrary which makes the sharing and reuse of learning objects easier.

"In the past there has been a huge amount of innovative e-learning work done throughout the university in various departments," said Charles Duncan, CEO, Intrallect. "However, this initiative pulls together all these initiatives into a project which will have enterprise-wide impact. At the end of the five years Edinburgh will have one of the world's finest academic e-learning infrastructures. We are therefore delighted that intraLibrary has been chosen as the digital repository for learning objects."

Jeff Haywood, director of the Media and Learning Technology Service at Edinburgh University said: "A number of factors were important in our decision

to use IntraLibrary: adherence to international operability standards; platform-independence at both client and server; the ability to integrate intraLibrary with our library catalogue and the ease of use.”

In addition to supplying the software Intrallect will offer on-going support through membership of the project steering group plus seminars and training events.

Intrallect is one of the world’s leading developers of Learning Object Management Systems (LOMS). Its software is being used by academic institutions world-wide to help them share and reuse learning objects within the student and lecturer communities.

For further information please visit www.intrallect.com or call 0870 234 3933.

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Notes to editors

Intrallect was formed in June 2000 by Dr Charles Duncan, Dr Peter Douglas and Dr Martin Morrey as a spin-out from the University of Edinburgh. The company offers software tools, including the world-leading intraLibrary, for the current and next generation of e-Learning systems. Intrallect is first to market with this new range of tools enabling enterprise-wide sharing and reuse of e-learning material. These innovative tools, rigorously compliant with existing standards/specifications, capture and store e-learning content, separating the content from any specific technology – thus increasing the longevity and flexibility of the valuable knowledge and skills encapsulated in the e-learning content. Uniquely, Intrallect provides transformation channels to delivery content from a single source into multiple delivery channels, be they proprietary “web-based learning environments” or substantially different technologies such as interactive digital television or wireless, handheld devices, and devices yet to be devised.

About Intralibrary

Intralibrary enables organisations to share and re-use learning resources using a simple, web-based interface. Learning resources can include documents, presentations, web pages, images, multimedia and quiz datasets. These resources are stored as "learning objects" together with metadata which makes it very easy for users to retrieve and reuse using Intralibrary's powerful search facilities. Intralibrary is a strategic technology which underpins a mixed learning environment and saves the cost of "reinventing the wheel" when creating and using learning content. The latest version adds additional functionality such as the ability to preview all content objects inline including flash objects and improved performance with faster upload and increased reliability.

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