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METIS SYSTEMS S.r.l. After the great success in the Italian market, Metis confirms the worldwide leadership in the manufacture of scanner for high quality reproduction of large originals and precious books, with two new prestigious installations, among the several ones made this year. The first one, a DRS 2xA0 has been sold to the National Museum of Beijing and the second one, the new DRS A0, just presented a few months ago, went to the SNCF (Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer) in Paris. These two new clients are going to be added to the, already, long Metis's prestigious clients list, of which, just to make some examples, we can mention: the Vatican Library, the Forbidden City Museum and the Capital Museum in Beijing, the National Library of Beijing, the National Library of Madrid, the National Library of Barcelona, the Cartographic Institute of Catalunya in Barcelona and the National Library of France in Paris.

Furthermore, the superior quality of Metis scanner, has brought the Veneranda Biblioteca Ambrosiana of Milan, to choose the Metis DRS 5070 scanner, for the digitization of Leonardo da Vinci Atlantic Code.

Metis origin comes from digital imaging for satellite. Its founders started this route in 1975 when they cooperate, at first, with Telespazio (Italian Space Agency) and then with ESA (European Space Agency). Metis started its activity at the beginning of 1990, as manufacturer and distributor of digital technologies for the photography and photo-reproduction industry.

In 1997 in combination with the Imago project of the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage, they started a series of projects that brought to the completion of the DMC, which is, still today the largest digital camera in the world. For the Imago project more than 5.000 very large cadastral maps (some of which were closed to 4x3 m) have been scanned by Metis equipment.

Following the success gained within the Ministry of Cultural Heritage, by their large format digital systems, they decided to deepen also the matter related to smaller originals and books. So, Metis started a project that brought to the completion of two new systems, called: DRS A1 Plus Book (max format size 65x110 cm.) and DRS Book 5070 (max format size 50x74 cm.). For these two new systems Metis used the same kind of technologies already successfully tested in their previous digital systems. In less than five years they have in-

stalled more than 50 systems in the most prestigious Historical Archives, Museum and Library in Italy and abroad.

Metis success, gained just in a few years of production, comes from the extremely high performances of their digital equipment, which are the result of 30 years of experience, made within the different technology branches assembled in their integrated systems. Metis's engineers absolute control of technologies such as: optics, precision mechanics, lighting, electronics and software development, has allowed Metis in designing and producing systems far superior to any competitor, in term of: quality, productivity, simplicity of use, original care, reliability and duration in time. Furthermore, thanks to the way they projected the systems and the absolute top quality of each components that has been chosen, either software and hardware of their equipment can be updated. Systems updating (which very often are just empty promises) is a characteristic that keeps a certain value of the investment in time; this is definitely a peculiarity of Metis systems. In fact software and hardware upgrades have been already offered at reasonable price to clients who have made use of them with extreme appreciation.

As mentioned earlier, Metis has just introduced a new scanner in the market: the DRS A0.

The DRS A0, which integrates a very innovative lighting systems technology, is going to wider the quality gap advantage already gained by Metis in respect to any other competitor in the market.

For more information about Metis products range, you are invited to visit their web site: www.metis-group.com

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