

PRONEXUS acquires Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation's corporate information database
NEXT Yuho Kakumei

—Combining both companies' databases will expand the functions and breadth of data as well as help enhance client satisfaction—

TOKYO, JAPAN, December 25, 2012 – PRONEXUS Inc. reached an agreement with Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation in July, 2012 to acquire its corporate information database business and combine both companies' database services. Since then both companies have been working together to develop and prepare this combined service. This development process has recently been completed and starting on January 1, 2013, PRONEXUS' *eol* will be upgraded to an all new version that combines it with the functions offered in the *NEXT Yuho Kakumei* (*NEXT Securities Report Revolution*) database provided by Hitachi High-Technologies. This new service will provide the combined benefits of both companies' database services.

1. Services to be combined

(1) What is a corporate information database?

PRONEXUS' *eol* and Hitachi High-Technologies' *NEXT Yuho Kakumei* are both databases of documents and financial information from account settlement-related documents for securities reports, various filings and other reports that must be disclosed by listed companies in Japan under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act as well as from timely disclosure documents and earnings reports that must be disclosed by listed companies in Japan based on the Stock Exchanges' Securities Listing Regulations.

Users of these databases include educational institutions such as business and management schools, research institutes such as think tanks, financial institutions, institutional investors and business companies throughout Japan. These databases are used to search and extract necessary data from disclosure documents stored in each to analyze companies and industries and to collect specific information.

(2) PRONEXUS' *eol*

PRONEXUS' *eol*, which was launched in 2001, features advanced document search functions and corporate data comparative analysis functions, making it widely used by business companies and universities across Japan. It also retains a leading share of the market for universities. The database has also been expanded to cover some 12,000 listed companies in Asia in order to grow its user base by enabling comparisons of financial information across the same currency and language. Hitachi High-Technologies' *NEXT Yuho Kakumei*, which was launched in 1994, is considered a pioneer in the field and provides extensive information far back into the past as well as advanced comparative analysis functions. It is primarily used by institutional investors, financial institutions and business companies.

2. Objective for the combination of services

By combining the strengths of both services, PRONEXUS aims to provide benefits to each respective user, including advanced search and comparative analysis functions and an expanded breadth of contents, as well as to enhance client satisfaction.

The all new upgraded version of *eol* will expand its usage applications further to include corporate research, risk screening, customer research and investor relations. This will enable PRONEXUS to develop new clients and expand its database business, which is positioned as one of its key growth drivers in its medium-term management plan.

3. Benefits to users provided by the combined version of *eol*

Users of the current versions of *NEXT Yuho Kakumei* and *eol* stand to gain the following benefits, in addition to the existing contents and functions offered by each database.

(1) Benefits for *NEXT Yuho Kakumei* users

1. The database's core contents of securities reports and quarterly reports were only available in a PDF format, but in the new combined version of *eol* these reports will be available in an HTML format as well.
2. Able to conduct pinpoint searches from HTML using the free word search function.
3. Able to use text extract function from the PDF search results.
4. Able to use press releases.
5. Able to use a corporate database that covers companies in Asia as well as one million companies in Japan (optional).

(2) Benefits for existing users of the current version of *eol*

1. Able to use tender offer notifications, position statements, and share buyback reports.
2. Able to use securities reports from as far back as 1961 (this had been as far back as 1984).
3. Able to use CSV and Excel file formats data of quarterly reports, earnings reports and quarterly earnings reports.
4. Able to extract segment information and R&D information appearing in securities reports.

4. Release date for the combined version of *eol*

January 1, 2013

5. Impacts on business performance

The impacts on the company's business performance from this acquisition will be minimal.

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