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## Questel•Orbit Announces 2004 Results

*Questel•Orbit continued to underscore its strategy, which is centered on the vertical integration of its services in the field of intellectual property.*

McLean, VA, April 11, 2005--Despite growing competition and the dollar's erosion, Questel•Orbit maintained sales revenues of 16 million euros, investing heavily in R&D programs.

Most notably, in 2004 the company:

- Reaffirmed its growing market share among information search experts worldwide, extending *PlusPat* with *FamPat*, which groups patents by family and allows search and display access to all data across family members
- Further penetrated the integrated patent solutions market with *QPAT*
- Launched a highly-recognized productivity tool, *PatentExaminer*, for visualization, analysis and management of patents
- Launched an innovative text extraction and reading tool integrating cutting-edge linguistic technologies and patent information with *PatReader* (this service has been reinforced by a stock participation in Lingway – [www.lingway.com](http://www.lingway.com))
- Enhanced the development of its trademark similarity search offering, *TrademarkExpert*

Operating income jumped 1.79 million euros, a 7% increase from 2003, reaffirming the company's successful business model with three successive years with a net income after tax above 1 million euros. On March 24, 2005, the Shareholders Assembly stressed the strength of the financial fundamentals with zero debt and growing cash reserves of over 7 million euros. It approved a high distribution of dividends.

In 2005, Questel•Orbit aims at investing heavily in its offer to face a growing and concentrated competition. The company will continue to build up its core business, reinforcing technically its existing services and seeking constantly to innovate.

### **About Questel•Orbit:**

*Questel•Orbit has been helping manage some of the world's most important IP portfolios for the last 25 years. The company provides high-end IP data and search products, including databases containing the world's most comprehensive collection of patents and trademarks.*

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