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OASIS™ VERSION 3 LAUNCHED

Following extensive customer consultation Coutts has launched OASIS™ V.3, a redesigned and enhanced version of their popular and widely used web-based user interface for library collection development.

OASIS (Online Acquisition and Selection Information System) is the leading web-based user interface for searching, selection and order management. It is designed to offer a complete support system for collection development and online workflow management.

Through one single interface users are able to:

- access one database of more than 5 million titles sourced from all our international operating divisions
- search, select and manage orders online
- download records
- monitor standing orders
- manage approval plans and new title notification plans
- track orders
- access management information

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OASIS is an integrated management tool for electronic content as well as print books. Coutts clients can now manage all their information and acquisitions needs – new books, backlist, out-of-print, eBooks – in one place, with seamless workflow integration from searching through ordering to invoicing and delivery. OASIS permits multiple level access and control, online 24/7.

The new look and the enhanced functionality add further value to an already invaluable service, reflecting user needs to integrate electronic content selection with print book management on one easy to use platform.

Jonathan Waring, OASIS product development manager, said: 'We have listened to customer feedback and explored with our user group the direction we should take. We have made navigation easier and more intuitive without losing any of the breadth of scope that OASIS offers – from searching and selecting to standing order management and full approval plans and new title plans control. There are more personalised features, more functionality, better management information.'

Emma Sansby, Director of Library and Knowledge Services, Bishop Grossteste University College, offered a user perspective on the enhancement of OASIS: 'I have been particularly impressed by the product's continual development, with upgrades to both functionality and the user interface available on a regular basis, and also by the level and responsiveness of customer support.'

Group sales director Andy Alferovs added: 'OASIS is the gateway to all Coutts services. It's the interface for searching more than 5 million titles across all our international divisions. It fully integrates eBooks so our users can search and select, manage their approval plans, monitor their new title profiles for both books and eBooks. OASIS is the key for effective workflow management from the moment someone thinks of a book to the point at which they take delivery of it.'

'OASIS is well ahead of the market. As the demand for electronic content increases we are already placed to offer access to 60,000 titles online. Through links to the MyiLibrary aggregated content platform OASIS users can read and review our full range of eBooks before they purchase.'

For more information about OASIS, users and potential users can contact Jonathan Waring at jwaring@couttsinfo.com or visit the Coutts website www.couttsinfo.com.

Notes for editors

About Coutts Information Services

Coutts Information Services is based in Ringwood in the UK, with offices in Canada, the USA and Holland. The company specializes in book and electronic content supply to the academic, government, corporate, public and institutional library and information sectors.

Coutts' services include the supply and full shelf-ready processing and cataloging of print monographs, the provision of standing order and approval plan services along with full seamless ILS integration covering both print and electronic content. Coutts supplies services to over 5,000 customers in more than 100 countries, positioning Coutts at the forefront of today's rapidly changing information supply industry.

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