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linguatec Personal Translator Now with the Voice of SVOX

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New, Natural-Sounding Speech Output for the Read-Out Function

Munich-based language technology expert *linguatec GmbH* has entered a strategic partnership with Swiss text-to-speech specialist *SVOX AG*. In the new 2006 version, the linguattec translation program Personal Translator now boasts a speech-output component from SVOX which features an intriguingly natural-sounding voice.

Personal Translator with integrated reader

As a world-wide leader in this field, SVOX offers a text-to-speech (TTS) system of ground-breaking quality which perfectly complements the translation technology of Personal Translator 2006, for which an international patent has been filed. The SVOX TTS engine converts written text in real time to clearly articulated speech with a natural-sounding voice. "Synthetic voices can now hardly be distinguished from the human voice both in accent and intonation", confirms Volker Jantzen, CEO of SVOX AG. "Our vision is for devices which talk to humans to become an irreplaceable companion in everyday life." The renowned translation program Personal Translator provides an impressive demonstration: The user can listen to and check both original texts and translations in outstanding quality – in German, English and French!

More joint projects planned

linguatec and *SVOX* plan to extend their successful collaboration to more joint projects in the future. "In the era of mobile phones, MP3 players and multimedia PCs, high-quality speech output of written text offers the most varied applications both for professional office communication and entertainment", says Dr. Reinhard Busch, Managing Director of *linguatec*. And the pleasant voices of SVOX text-to-speech provide an ideal basis for this.

About SVOX AG

SVOX AG is a leading provider of speech output solutions for the automotive and mobile device industries. SVOX's core product is the SVOX Text-to-Speech system. The company makes computers and other electronic devices talk by converting written text into natural-

sounding and easily comprehensible speech. Its focus on embedded speech allows for specifically optimized solutions. Therefore, SVOX speech applications are small, fast, and multilingual. With SVOX's software architecture, customers are offered a speech engine that can be easily tailored to their technical requirements and market needs.

In the automotive segment, SVOX along with its partners and customers, continuously strives to reshape the driving experience. Consumers and professional drivers alike appreciate the comfort and safety offered by SVOX speech interfaces.

About linguattec

linguattec language technologies is a private company specialized in the development and marketing of language technology solutions. Founded in 1992, linguattec language technologies has built up significant technological expertise in the area of machine translation, speech recognition, speech synthesis.<<

Recent technological breakthroughs have opened up significant market opportunities for innovative language and speech products. The strategy of linguattec language technologies is to develop leading-edge language technology solutions together with research and industry partners and to rapidly transform this technological competence into successful products. To achieve these goals, linguattec language technologies works with a network of partners such as IBM, Olympus, Palm Europe and various universities with complementary skills to reduce development time and to reach the full market potential.

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