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## **ARMA Conference & Exposition 2008, Las Vegas/USA (October 20-22, 2008)**

Booth #218 - PDF Tools AG, Winkel/Switzerland – SilverWind PDF Solutions, Phoenix/AZ

**PDF/A is the new ISO-standard for long-term archiving. What are the benefits of using PDF/A for archiving, compared to other formats? And which steps are necessary to convert existing and new files to PDF/A? Together with our USA reseller SilverWind PDF Solutions we are providing all the answers at ARMA Conference & Expo 2008. And we also present our wide range of PDF/A compliant products. Such as the 3-Heights Document Converter Service, which converts emails (incl. attachments), Office documents, images and PDF files to PDF/A, including digital signature. Or the SilverWind PDF Validator, that checks PDF documents against specific criteria before the documents are archived.**

### **What is PDF/A?**

PDF/A is an ISO standard for using the PDF format for long-term archiving of electronic documents. The standard was published on October 1, 2005 as "ISO 19005-1: Document management – Electronic document file format for long-term preservation – Part 1: Use of PDF 1.4 (PDF/A-1)". ISO 19005-1 defines "a file format based on PDF, known as PDF/A, which provides a mechanism for representing electronic documents in a manner which preserves their visual appearance over time, independent of the tools and systems used for creating, storing or rendering the files." Compared to a "regular" PDF document, a PDF/A file may only contain elements that are suitable for long-term archiving.

### **Why archiving with PDF/A?**

Every visitor at our booth # 218 gets a free copy of the flyer "10 Most Important Things to Know about Archiving with PDF/A". The primary benefits for long-term archiving with PDF/A are: PDF/A is an ISO standard, standardized metadata is embedded directly into the document, PDF/A documents are fully text searchable, everything is included for authentic reproduction, PDF/A is space saving, optimal security is guaranteed thanks to digital signatures, PDF/A can meet accessibility requirements (section 508), PDF/A documents remain valid without time limits, PDF/A is being widely accepted and – last but not least – reliable tools are already available today. Also additional information will be presented at the booth, such as the whitepaper "PDF/A – the Basics" and the 87 page PDF/A bible "PDF/A in a Nutshell".

## Wide range PDF/A conformant tools

PDF Tools AG also offers a wide range of PDF/A conform products. The "3-Heights Document Converter Service" allows the archiving of E-Mails together with all attachments in one single file in PDF or PDF/A format. The award winning "3-Heights PDF to PDF/A Converter" converts all versions of PDF documents to PDF/A, and digital signatures can be applied. Pictures and scanned documents can be converted into PDF/A with the "3-Heights Image to PDF Converter". The "3-Heights PDF Producer" easily generates PDF/A compliant documents out of Windows and host applications.

## Validation of PDF and PDF/A files before archiving

The [SilverWind](#) PDF Validator is a custom software solution that checks PDF and PDF/A documents against specific criteria before the documents are archived. It is the ideal solution for any regulated industry that must meet certain federal guidelines for archived records or for any organization that must manage large collections of archived records.

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We would like to meet as many North American customers as possible. Roland Wehlend (PDF Tools AG) and Jo Lou Spleth (SilverWind PDF Solutions) will be present at our booth # 218. We hope you will be attending the conference and look forward to meeting you in Las Vegas. Please let us know when you will be dropping by for a visit, and we'll make sure we have some time set aside for you.

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