

## **OLD REPUBLIC NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY DEPLOYS CIC ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE TECHNOLOGY**

**Redwood Shores, CA, and Minneapolis, MN, March 20, 2001** - (NASDAQ:CICI), Communication Intelligence Corporation ("CIC") and Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Old Republic International Corporation (NYSE: ORI), announced today that they have signed a licensing agreement for CIC's Sign-it®, e-signature software solution.

Under the agreement, Old Republic will be implementing Sign-it within its electronic title processing applications. Old Republic is utilizing leading edge technology for conducting e-commerce over the Internet including; sophisticated client/server technology, imaging, and workflow applications. The adoption of CIC's electronic signature technology is an integral part of this overall architecture.

"By using Sign-it within our applications we will significantly streamline our internal workflow processes," said Robert Chapman, Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Old Republic. "Our customers will be provided with document copies as they have in the past, while we maintain those same records electronically. CIC has developed an exceptional product that enables us to create electronic documents with the same legal standing as our historical paper documents at a fraction of the time and cost."

"We are pleased that our initial pilot with Old Republic is complete and that its application is now ready for broad scale deployment," commented Jeff Sandler, Vice President Worldwide Sales for CIC. "While many organizations are struggling with the complexities of understanding and deploying PKI technologies and digital certificates, we are focused on providing the right level of user convenience and security with handwritten biometric electronic signatures that can be used independently or complement these technologies."

Sign-it represents the next generation of biometric authentication solutions. Users can electronically sign documents making the approval process natural and intuitive. This technology ensures virtually tamper-proof security and is the most reliable, efficient and effective way to approve and process documents electronically. Applications for Sign-it include: sales force automation, document tracking for clinical trials, finance-mortgage processing, engineering/ drawing management, human resources form processing, and supply chain management.

### **About CIC**

Communication Intelligence Corporation (CIC) is the leading supplier of natural input and electronic signature solutions for wireless Internet and e-Commerce applications enabling the world with "The Power to Sign Online™". The Company's core software technologies include multilingual handwriting recognition systems, biometric signature verification, natural messaging, and operating system extensions that enable pen input.

CIC's products are designed to increase the ease of use, functionality, and security of wireless electronic devices ranging from handheld companions to cellular phones. Ericsson, Fujitsu, Hitachi, Microsoft, Mitsubishi, National Semiconductor, Symbian and IBM among others have licensed the company's technology. CIC is headquartered in Redwood Shores, California and has a joint venture, CICC, in Nanjing, China. For more information, please visit our website at [www.cic.com](http://www.cic.com)

### **About Old Republic**

Old Republic International Corporation, an insurance holding company based in Chicago, is one of the nation's 50 largest publicly held insurance organizations with assets of approximately \$7.2 billion and total capitalization of \$2.6 billion. Old Republic's subsidiaries market, underwrite and provide risk management services for a wide variety of coverage in the property and liability, mortgage guaranty, title, and life and health fields. For more information, please visit <http://www.oldrepublictitle.com>

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