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**SirsiDynix Introduces New Integrated Technology Platform with Powerful Features****Code-named “Rome,” platform blends proven architecture with new capabilities for libraries**

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala., March 13, 2007** – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today a new, versatile technology platform that blends the best features from its flagship solution suites to serve the demanding needs of public, academic, K-12 and special libraries, as well as consortia. Code-named “Rome,” this platform will integrate solutions for library/consortia management, the user experience and content management.

The platform is built on the proven, scalable and extensible architecture of the industry-standard SirsiDynix Unicorn® Library Management System and will include an impressive set of new solutions created as part of SirsiDynix Horizon 8.0/Corinthian development.

Rome, however, is much more than a traditional integrated library system (ILS). It offers integrated technology building blocks for today’s libraries and consortia, including cost-saving software-as-a-service (SaaS) hosted options, state-of-the-art portal and search solutions, new and easy-to-manage Web-based library staff software, electronic content management and presentation solutions, the broadest suite of library management and productivity solutions – and more. The first version of Rome, with many of these important features included, will be released later this year. A subsequent version will be released in late 2008.

“Today’s technology environment for libraries and consortia is complex, demanding and fluid,” said Bill Davison, SirsiDynix chief sales officer. “We extensively evaluated SirsiDynix’s current solutions and listened to our customers’ requirements. We came to understand that the best and fastest way to help libraries meet their objectives is to create a blended technology platform that takes advantage of great technologies already in our product suite. In turn, this will enable us to focus our unparalleled research-and-development resources on delivering new solutions for the ‘user experience,’ library staff productivity and more – and to do so more quickly and effectively than ever before.”

Talin Bingham, SirsiDynix chief technology officer, said: “Neither Unicorn nor Horizon systems are being eliminated. Instead, SirsiDynix is blending features, capabilities, user interfaces, modules and more as the foundation of a single, new platform featuring best-of-breed solutions from both product families. The result will be a technology platform that can grow and evolve along with libraries and consortia.”

Bingham said there are numerous major features and benefits of Rome, including:

- SaaS delivery options – hosted software, SirsiDynix-managed upgrades, built-in disaster recovery and dedicated, secure server capacity and more – to ensure lower cost of ownership in a time of constrained budgets and limited technical staff
- New, Web-based library staff software, to allow easy, affordable distribution of software throughout library facilities via standard browsers – plus a full suite of Java-based staff software
- Advanced user experience solutions – including enterprise search and discovery portals, faceted and visual search, federated search and digital asset management – to help libraries meet the demands of information consumers
- Comprehensive, integrated functions for all public and technical services, including electronic resources management, to better assist libraries in effectively and efficiently managing their operations and resources
- Add-on solutions from SirsiDynix and strategic partners – such as business intelligence and reporting tools, PC/print management, RFID/self-check/automated materials and more – to provide the broadest suite of productivity solutions available today

“Rome will include capabilities developed as part of our Horizon 8.0/Corinthian efforts,” Bingham said. “These new capabilities – such as expanded record ownership capabilities and hierarchical structures for consortia, additional international features and record manipulation functions that enable batch changes to records – will be incrementally incorporated into the Rome platform. Capitalizing on the power, breadth and versatility of the Unicorn and Horizon product families, plus new solutions that we will develop down the road, Rome will provide our customers with an impressive collection of features and capabilities built on a stable, scalable and full-featured platform. This will make Rome a firm technology foundation for the future – both for us as a company and, especially, for our customers.”

Bingham added that SirsiDynix will continue to maintain and support Horizon 7.3/7.4 and Unicorn GL3.1, and will work with customers to plan optimal upgrade paths to Rome.

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### **About SirsiDynix**

SirsiDynix is the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries – vital institutions whose primary mission is to make sense of the vast world of information for people and communities. This is an exciting role as libraries assist people in discovering and using knowledge, resources and other valuable content for their educations, jobs and entertainment. In concert with key industry partners, SirsiDynix supports this strategic role for libraries by offering a comprehensive integrated suite of technology solutions for improving the internal productivity of libraries and enhancing their capabilities for meeting the needs of people and communities. SirsiDynix has approximately 4,000 library and consortia clients, serving more than 300 million people through more than 20,000 library outlets in the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia-Pacific. For more information, please see [www.sirsidynix.com](http://www.sirsidynix.com).