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## **MetaLINCS 4.0 Sets the Standard for Intelligent, Enterprise-Class E-Discovery Software**

***Leading Software for Intelligent, Analysis-Powered E-Discovery Raises  
the Bar for Automation, Guided Analysis and Rapid, Flexible Deployment***

**SAN JOSE, Calif., November 12, 2007**— MetaLINCS, the leaders in intelligent, enterprise-class E-Discovery software, today announced a new version of its flagship product, the MetaLINCS Enterprise E-Discovery Suite. The new software, version 4.0, delivers the industry's first integrated application for all core E-Discovery functions and processes that organizations need to meet the rigorous and demanding enterprise-class requirements associated with the widest range of litigation and compliance-related investigations. MetaLINCS 4.0 extends the capabilities of the industry's most powerful content search and analysis technology to raise the bar for overall performance and return on investment in the areas of E-Discovery process automation, guided navigation, early case assessment, and deployment flexibility.

In a market dominated by services, the MetaLINCS Enterprise E-Discovery Suite was designed from inception to be the primary software platform for organizations seeking to reduce the costs of outsourcing by managing all or a portion of their e-discovery processes in-house. MetaLINCS 4.0 builds on this core value proposition by making it easier than ever to rapidly deploy "best practice" enterprise-class e-discovery processes, including those set forth in the E-Discovery Reference Model (EDRM) and the most recent version of the Sedona Group's *Sedona Principles Addressing Electronic Document Production*.

"We've been using MetaLINCS for almost a year now and the software has helped us manage our electronic discovery process with cost efficiency. We're looking forward to the new features in the 4.0 product," said Tony Smith, IT Business Partner, Cypress Semiconductor.

### **MetaLINCS 4.0 Overview**

MetaLINCS 4.0 incorporates a variety of new search and analysis features aimed at lowering the cost of legal and investigatory document review and enabling more powerful early case assessment, including:

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- **Automatic Topical Clustering** -- MetaLINCS 4.0 automatically creates hierarchical clusters of documents by grouping documents with similar content. Grouping documents based on content allows reviewers to make accurate decisions faster because they can see each document or email in a meaningful context. These clusters are built in real-time during processing, not in a second post-processing step, so early case assessment and review can start sooner.
- **Context Search** -- With MetaLINCS 4.0, investigators can initiate a search based on any email or document in the system and find more documents that are similar. The search can be done on the entire item or any portion. Informally known as “more like this”, context search analyzes the characteristics of the current document and finds additional documents with similar content. This helps reviewers group similar documents to see them in context and it helps anyone who finds a relevant document to find out if there are any more.
- **MetaLINCS Instant Clustering™** -- The new context search feature in MetaLINCS 4.0 allows reviewers to create custom clusters of documents around any document they uncover during early case assessment or review. This Instant Clustering™ capability allows large groups of similar documents to be assembled on-the-fly and reviewed together.
- **Scripting Engine and Interface** -- MetaLINCS 4.0 features a new scripting engine with a graphical user interface to allow common case management and analysis tasks to be customized and automated. Review assignments can be refined based on search results and automatically created in bulk in a matter of seconds.
- **Graphical Query Builder** -- New search operators and a graphical query builder make all the search capabilities in MetaLINCS more powerful and easier to use. Features such as double-sided wildcards and proximity searches incorporating wildcards extend the flexibility of the MetaLINCS search engine. All of these search enhancements can easily be incorporated into scripts, so they can be used in setting up review. The MetaLINCS Graphical Query Builder simplifies the creation of sophisticated searches and helps users take advantage of MetaLINCS rich set of search fields specifically designed for e-discovery.

### **Software Addresses the E-Discovery Compliance Hurdle**

Since the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP) took effect nearly one year ago, enterprises have invested millions of dollars to prepare their organizations for compliance with these rules.

“With the recent changes to the U.S. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, there has been a massive surge in market activity around E-Discovery. E-Discovery vendors are working to understand where the market is heading and to provide solutions based on their customers’ needs. These solutions present enterprises with the potential to save huge amounts of money on the collection, processing, analysis and organization of the massive amounts of electronic data produced – and subpoenaed – each day,” said Debra Logan, research vice president, Gartner.

“Gartner is dead on in their assessment. Across the E-Discovery market landscape, industry banter is finally giving way to action as more and more companies begin to acknowledge that

E-Discovery is now a compliance mandate. The proliferation of e-content is daunting, but luckily today there are products such as the MetaLINCS Enterprise E-Discovery Suite available to address this challenge, particularly in helping companies lower and manage discovery costs and minimize overall risk through early case assessment techniques,” said Ramon Nunez, MetaLINCS President and CEO.

According to a recent *Gartner Dataquest Insight Report* authored by research vice president Tom Eid: By 2010, the most-litigious companies in the financial services, energy, utilities, pharmaceuticals and high-tech sectors will decrease their spending on outsourced e-discovery services by 75% and increase their enterprise software spending by 100%. (See footnote 1.)

### **Product Availability & Pricing**

The MetaLINCS Enterprise E-Discovery Suite 4.0 addresses all major aspects of the E-Discovery process, and its modular design enables customers to deploy the software in phases, or to add additional suite capability as litigation and investigation needs change. (For more detailed product information, please visit [www.metalincs.com/products](http://www.metalincs.com/products)). The new software suite is available now for purchase of an annual or monthly license on a either a concurrent user or server basis. Product pricing varies by configuration and is available upon request.

For more information about MetaLINCS and the MetaLINCS Enterprise E-Discovery Suite 4.0, please visit [www.metalincs.com](http://www.metalincs.com).

### **About MetaLINCS**

MetaLINCS is a leading provider of electronic discovery software and inventors of the industry’s first enterprise software for intelligent E-Discovery. The company’s flagship product, the MetaLINCS Enterprise E-Discovery Suite™, offers attorneys, litigation support professionals, compliance officers and investigators the most comprehensive E-Discovery review and analysis software available. The platform combines a patent-pending guided discovery process with a unique visual representation of the relationships between people, events, time, documents and communication patterns. This approach allows users to quickly gain an understanding of electronic information in context, which leads to more successful investigations, mitigates compliance risks, and reduces discovery and litigation costs. MetaLINCS customers include Merrill Lynch, Ernst & Young and the Department of Justice Anti-Trust Division. For more information about the company visit [www.metalincs.com](http://www.metalincs.com).

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1. Source: Gartner – *Dataquest Insight: E-Discovery Market Drives New Search, Content and Records Management Investments*, November 5, 2007