



PRESS RELEASE

HOYA's Memory Disk Division Acquires ReadSpeaker

Tokyo, July 13, 2017 — The Memory Disk Division (MD) of The HOYA Group announced today that it has acquired ReadSpeaker Holding B.V. (ReadSpeaker) and its subsidiaries. The purchase price was not disclosed. ReadSpeaker will be operated as a subsidiary of the Speech Synthesizer business unit of MD.

ReadSpeaker is a leading text-to-speech technology and services company that develops and commercializes products to audibly read text in a human sounding voice. ReadSpeaker has subsidiaries in 7 countries in Europe, as well as entities in the US and Australia, and provides its products and services in 62 countries.

The Speech Synthesizer business unit of MD is a global text-to-speech product and services unit with operations in Japan, Korea and the U.S. Augustine Yee, Chief Legal Officer and Global Head of Corporate Development of HOYA Corporation commented, "as a global technology-driven company, ReadSpeaker will augment the language development capabilities and future commercial applications for our Speech Synthesizer products in the global market. This acquisition continues our pursuit of innovation both internally and through our acquisition, externalization and partnering activities."

About ReadSpeaker

Company name: ReadSpeaker Holding B.V.

Headquarters: Huis ter Heide, the Netherlands

CEO: Niclas Bergstrom

Founded: 1999

Business: Development and sale of text-to-speech services

For more information about ReadSpeaker, please visit <http://www.readspeaker.com>



About MD Division, HOYA Group

HOYA's MD Division began its development of glass memory disks in 1980 with chemically strengthened glass. With high production capacity from glass dissolving to pressing, MD provides high quality glass substrates for hard drives used in portable and mobile devices globally. The Speech Synthesizer business unit was transferred from HOYA Service Corporation to MD in June 2017 as a part of an internal group restructuring.

About HOYA

Founded in 1941 in Tokyo, Japan, HOYA is a global technology and med-tech company, and a leading supplier of innovative high-tech and medical products. HOYA is active in the fields of healthcare and information technology providing eyeglasses, medical endoscopes, intraocular lenses, optical lenses as well as key components for semiconductor devices, LCD panels and HDDs. With over 150 offices and subsidiaries worldwide, HOYA currently employs a multinational workforce of over 36,000 people. For more information, please visit <http://www.hoya.com>.