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Ixquick Metasearch Engine Launches Toolbar

Ixquick Toolbar conveniently enables searching the Web, its International Phone Directory and much more right from any Internet browser and website

HAARLEM, The Netherlands – Dec. 13, 2005 – Ixquick (www.ixquick.com), an international and award winning metasearch engine, today announced the launch of the Ixquick Toolbar (www.ixquick.com/toolbar), a free, safe and secure downloadable application that resides within the Web browser and enables users to search the Web, Phonebook, Pictures, This Site, and more.

Ixquick's metasearch technology was re-launched in March 2005. It utilizes an exclusive Star System, which awards a star next to each result for every search engine that ranks the result as one of the 10 best results for a given search. For example, a five-star (****) result at Ixquick means that five search engines found the result Top 10 relevant.

Integrated into the Ixquick Toolbar is its International Phone Directory (Phonebook), which in addition to finding people and businesses worldwide, also enables users to perform reverse searches by using a phone number to find relevant directory information.

"Now, Ixquick's powerful, comprehensive and accurate search service is just a mouse click away," said Alex van Eesteren, vice president of marketing and sales for Ixquick. "The primary objective of the toolbar is user convenience. Its users no longer have to open a separate search page: they can search from any open Internet browser and website being surfed."

In addition to performing Web and Phonebook searches, the Ixquick toolbar also includes Picture Search and Search This Site capabilities, a Pop-Up Blocker, Zoom and Smiley buttons.

"The Picture search functionality lets users find images from across the Internet and the Search This Site feature enables users to search the site they are currently visiting, which is especially useful for large or poorly organized sites and saves a lot of clicking," added van Eesteren. "The Zoom button allows users to adjust a site's font size and the Smiley button accesses a library of emoticons, which users can insert directly into email messages."

The Ixquick Toolbar can be downloaded for free at: www.ixquick.com/toolbar.

About Ixquick

Ixquick (www.ixquick.com) is a powerful metasearch engine, which unlike single search engines, such as Google and Yahoo!, among others, simultaneously searches multiple Internet databases, gathering and displaying comprehensive and accurate Web results to Internet users. Founded in New York and launched on the Web in 1998, Ixquick is owned by Surfboard Holding BV, a Dutch company. Further information for the media can be found at www.ixquick.com/press.