

## CrossKnowledge announces the acquisition of software solutions provider Epistema

Paris, February 12, 2009 – [CrossKnowledge](#), the European leader in the development of managerial and leadership skills through new technologies, announces the acquisition of Epistema, provider and integrator of training software solutions. Thanks to this acquisition and to the solutions developed by Epistema, CrossKnowledge is strengthening its technological capabilities while at the same time offering its new affiliate the opportunity to team up with a leading group in its domain.

Created in 2000, [Epistema](#), a fast-growing company (+40% in 2008), is a recognized specialist in software solutions for training, and skills assessment and development: multimodal and e-learning training platforms, collaborative platforms, skills assessment systems for use during training, as well as skills management and knowledge management solutions.

Epistema's solutions are currently used by companies such as Manpower, Sage, Thales, Virgin Mobile, Neuf Cegetel...

By joining CrossKnowledge, Epistema will benefit from the structure and investment power of an international group, in particular in the area of Research and Development.

For CrossKnowledge, this acquisition is a strategic one. The complementary nature of the tools, the quality of the solutions developed by Epistema in terms of skills assessment systems and platforms, as well as the current developments in collaborative management and the Web 2.0, will enable CrossKnowledge to strengthen and develop its technological capacity. Furthermore it will speed up its process of innovation, in order to offer even more up-to-date solutions to its customers.

"This purchase follows in the wake of a successful one-and-a-half year collaboration with Epistema," explained **Mickaël OHANA, CEO, CrossKnowledge Group**. "We are extremely happy to welcome Epistema and all its team members into the CrossKnowledge group. Epistema and CrossKnowledge have many shared values, including that of expecting high quality from its solutions."

"By joining a leading international group, Epistema will continue to grow and to strengthen its R&D investment capacity," said **Vincent DESNOT, Founder and Director of Epistema**.

\*\*\*\*\*

### **About CrossKnowledge Group:**

Founded in 2000, CrossKnowledge is the European leader in remote development of leadership and managerial skills, using new technologies. CrossKnowledge designs, develops and markets the fullest catalogue on the market, with more than 300 multilingual training programmes, tackling all management and leadership topics. Its "Faculty" comprises the best authors, professors and Management professionals from the most renowned Business Schools in the world, such as Harvard, Stanford, IMD and HEC.

CrossKnowledge has offices in the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland, and thanks to strategic partnerships, in Morocco, India, China, Japan and Canada.

CrossKnowledge already has 1.5 million users.

For further information please refer to: <http://www.crossknowledge.com>

### **Press relations:**

Wellcom Agency

Amandine Ferré & Ingrid Zémor

Tel: +33 (0)1 46 34 60 60

E-mail: [af@wellcom.fr](mailto:af@wellcom.fr) / [iz@wellcom.fr](mailto:iz@wellcom.fr)