

Press Release

World-Check reaches 1,000 clients With Risk-Reduction Intelligence

*After Four Years, World-Check Today Serves as De Facto Standard
For Structured Intelligence On High-Risk Individuals*

LONDON, Feb.15 – World-Check, the leading provider of structured intelligence on known heightened-risk individuals and businesses, today announced that it has reached a milestone of 1,000 client institutions, including government and regulatory agencies in more than 120 countries.

Since releasing World-Check Version 1.0 in January 2001, World-Check has become the leader in providing the world's financial institutions with Know your Customer (KYC) and Politically Exposed Person (PEP) intelligence. World-Check risk-reduction intelligence, which provides comprehensive profiles of high-risk and potential high risk persons and entities and those associated with them, today serves as the *de facto* industry standard.

“World-Check has been a pioneer in defining and understanding the concepts surrounding KYC and PEP intelligence,” said World-check Founder David Leppan. “As a result, World-Check was ideally positioned when world events and enhanced regulatory requirements intensified the need for intelligence on high-risk individuals and businesses.”

“Today, World-Check makes a very real impact in reducing our customers’ compliance and client risk, and in helping regulatory and government agencies enforce the law and freeze millions of dollars in criminal assets,” Leppan said.

Currently, 17 of the world's top 20 banks use World-Check intelligence on high-risk individuals and businesses. In Europe, 18 of the top 20 banks are World-Check clients.

Among World-Check's satisfied customers are the individuals listed below, who have offered the following on their experiences with World-Check:

“World-Check is by far the best source when it comes to customer due-dilligence checks.”
Hagen Schaumkell, Director, WestLB AG Money Laundering Prevention

"We at Group Security for Deustche Telekom AG, Germany, have used World Check for the past 9 months. We are fully satisfied with the security World Check gives us, and the benefit

gained from using this service. It is a helpful and easily adaptable tool which aids us greatly in gathering together important information from multiple internet sources. We certainly couldn't be without it."

Frank Gottschalch, Deutsche Telekom AG

"For certain parts of our business portfolio, World-Check is an essential tool in our KYC procedures. We place great value on the service as well as its development since its original launch. We also very much appreciate that it is being constantly enhanced to meet the changing markets needs."

*Brian Harte, Director, Group Head of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs
Barclays PLC*

"We are amazed to see how quickly World-Check has established itself as the KYC benchmark."

Steve Hancock, Group MLRO, Prudential

"KBC uses World-Check and is very satisfied with the security the product gives us, and the benefit gained from using this service."

Bruno Van den Meerschaut, Chief MLRO, KBC Bank

"World-Check is a key piece in RBC's overall AML technology strategy to help us identify heightened-risk customers."

Karim Rajwani, Chief Anti-Money Laundering Officer, RBC Financial Group

About World-Check

World-Check assists institutions in mitigating reputational, financial and compliance risk by monitoring and correlating information on high-risk entities. World-Check provides risk-reduction technology to 1,000 institutions in more than 120 countries. World-Check technology allows financial institutions to very efficiently screen their new and existing customers for risk on a routine basis. Recognized as an industry pioneer, World-Check has revolutionized and "standardized" global Know Your Customer (KYC) and Politically Exposed Person (PEP) screening. Today, 17 of the world's top 20 banks, and more than 180 regulatory and government agencies use World-Check's global list of heightened-risk individuals and organizations. For more information, please visit <https://www.world-check.com>.