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## **UBIC Obtains New Japanese Patent for Technology Related to Email Auditing System**

## Technology Utilizes Predictive Coding to Facilitate Review of Corporate Emails Around the Clock

TOKYO, Jan. 8, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>UBIC</u>, Inc. (Nasdaq:UBIC) (TSE:2158) ("UBIC" or "the Company"), a leading provider of international litigation support and big-data analysis services, today announced that the Japan Patent Office has recently issued a Notification of Decision of Grant to the Company for a patent application related to "Email Auditing System". The technology underlying "Email Auditing System" can provide guidance to users by monitoring corporate emails around the clock. This technology is featured in UBIC's email auditing tool, Lit i View EMAIL AUDITOR, a litigation support solution which is currently used by many companies. The necessary procedures for patent registration have already been executed, and the patent is currently pending issuance.

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Signs of cartel activity or information leakage are often found in email correspondence. It is in the interests of companies to prevent such activities, and to this end many have begun to adopt preventative technologies to review the email communications of their employees. The goal is to prevent fraud and detect any signs of possible misconduct as early as possible by reviewing and analyzing both internal and external corporate communications. However, most existing review systems are based on simple, keyword-driven search engines, and such systems tend to retrieve large amounts of irrelevant messages. Beyond having poor precision, these systems also often miss targets simply because the engine does not include the "right" keywords. Finally, in the age of Big Data, relying solely on human auditors is not a practical option due to the enormous amount of email activity occurring in any major organization.

UBIC's email auditing system is powered by an Al-based technology called the VIRTUAL DATA SCIENTIST (VDS) which teaches itself to simulate the decision making patterns of a human auditor in a process called Predictive Coding. As part of this process the VDS assesses the risk of fraud for each individual email in a group of emails by assigning a numerical value. If the score exceeds a specified threshold, the VDS alerts and prompts users to have the message in question reviewed by a human auditor. In short, the email auditing system dynamically scans and prioritizes email communications, simplifying the job of the human auditor. The system introduces an unprecedented level of effectiveness and efficiency to the auditing method.

UBIC's Email Auditing System is a manifestation of the Company's knowledge and vast experience acquired from several ediscovery cases for U.S. litigation. The Company's Al-based technology implements an intelligent sorting algorithm on vast document collections and proves to be useful in a wide range of business fields.

"We believe that this patent is a testament to the superior innovation that underlies the highly-accurate document analysis provided by UBIC," stated UBIC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Masahiro Morimoto. "In this advanced digital age, when the processing of vast volumes of data is necessary, our cutting-edge technology will open up new business frontiers, such as corporate fraud investigation and email auditing. UBIC aims to provide data analysis solutions in a broad range of new fields, including health care, intellectual property evaluation support and national security. By further honing our Al-based technologies and expanding our portfolio of intellectual properties, UBIC will continue to provide additional value-added eDiscovery services to customers worldwide."

## About **UBIC**

UBIC, Inc. (Nasdaq:UBIC) (TSE:2158) is a leading provider of e-discovery and digital forensic services for Asia and the world. UBIC has extensive experience working with electronically stored information composed in Chinese, Japanese and Korean (CJK) languages and utilizes that expertise for clients involved in cross-border litigation, corporate investigations, intellectual property disputes and much more. At the forefront of e-discovery innovation, UBIC's proprietary Lit i View<sup>®</sup> platform is moving the industry from "fact discovery" to "future discovery" by allowing clients to analyze e-mail messages and digital communications found in big-data to reveal patterns in human thought and behavior.

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