

## Meta Search Engine Ixquick launches Toolbar

HAARLEM, the Netherlands December 13, 2005 - Meta Search Engine Ixquick ([www.ixquick.com](http://www.ixquick.com)) introduces its new toolbar for web browsers. A remarkable new feature is the international telephone directory to search telephone numbers all over the world. The telephone guide also supports reverse searching; entering a telephone number to get the related name and address information.

Ixquick combines at least ten international and local search engines to produce more relevant results. Ixquick's metasearch technology uses an exclusive Star System, which awards a star next to each result for every search engine that ranks that result as one of its ten best for a given search. For example, a five-star result (★★★★★) from Ixquick means that five search engines considered that result *Top 10 relevant*.

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," said Alex van Eesteren, vice president of marketing and sales for Ixquick. "The Zoom button allows users to adjust a site's font size and the Smiley button accesses a small library of emoticons, which users can insert directly into email messages."

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

To download the toolbar, please visit: [www.ixquick.com/toolbar](http://www.ixquick.com/toolbar)

### Note to editors:

1. To download additional information and screenshots, please visit [www.ixquick.com/press](http://www.ixquick.com/press)
2. For more information, please contact Surfboard Holding BV; Alex van Eesteren, telephone +31 23 5325888.

### About Ixquick

Ixquick 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. The enhanced Ixquick was launched Worldwide in March of this year.