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## **HUMANWARE REACHES NEW HEIGHTS WITH MAJOR DIGITAL AUDIO BOOK CONTRACT**

HumanWare, part of Essilor since 2013 and the global leader in assistive technology for the blind and visually impaired, has been awarded the biggest contract in its history by the National Library Service in the US to provide the next generation of digital audio book players for members with visual disabilities.

HumanWare is very pleased to have been awarded an unprecedented contract worth \$60 million, its largest to date, to deliver new custom-built, next-generation Digital Talking Book Machines for the National Library Service (NLS), a division of the Library of Congress of the United States.

Through its national network of libraries, the NLS offers a free braille and talking book library service for people with visual disabilities, both cognitive or physical, that prevent them from reading a printed document. The new readers will

replace 450,000 existing outdated digital talking book players.

With its long history in digital talking books, including distribution of over 750,000 Victor Reader Stratus and Streams and a well-earned reputation for excellence, HumanWare is well positioned to deliver a robust, reliable solution that will improve the experience of every NLS member.

HumanWare Inc's mission is to empower those with vision loss to fully participate with their sighted peers, which is a natural extension of Essilor's mission of improving lives by improving sight. The collaboration with HumanWare helps the Group promote access to a full spectrum of vision care options for a larger number of people affected by vision impairments.

### **More About HumanWare**

For more than 30 years, HumanWare has been developing a wide range of advanced, connected and intelligent devices that help people with vision loss to overcome the digital divide that most of the visually impaired community experience and allow them to participate in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) activities, achieve higher education and access to jobs in the new economy.

Examples of HumanWare devices include: the BrailleNote Touch Plus, first Google-certified braille tablet, the iOS compatible Brailliant braille displays, Victor Reader<sup>®</sup>, the world's leading family of digital audiobook players, the ultra-portable explore line of electronic handheld magnifiers, the ultra-smart and always connected Connect 12 and the Reveal 16 line of transportable, foldable magnifiers, including Reveal 16i, the smart, intuitive, all-in-one device, designed to help users stay productive in their daily life.

To date, HumanWare employs 150 people and markets its products in 50 countries throughout North America, Europe, Australia, Africa, the Middle East and in certain parts of Asia.

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## DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVE MONTH SPOTLIGHT: HUMANWARE, LEADER IN REVOLUTIONARY ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Diversity & Inclusion month is an opportunity to find out more about HumanWare Inc.

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INNOVATION

## THE FIRST 360° VISION CONSULTATION ROOM IN THE WORLD

Essilor has launched the first 360° consultation room with long-term partner Salud Digna, offering the latest Essilor technologies and instruments to conduct comprehensive eye exams so underserved patients in Mexico can gain access to excellent quality eyecare services.

