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Graphic Imaging Services, Inc. Helps Mohave County Preserve Thousands of Priceless Maps

July 30, 2002 (*Mohave County, Arizona, USA*) - In an effort to preserve irreplaceable historic maps of Mohave County, some dating back to the 1800s, Graphic Imaging Services, Inc. (GISI), a Las Vegas-based graphic imaging expert and authorized VIDAR reseller and service provider, teamed with Mohave County's Department of Cartography to safeguard the County's more than 55,000 assorted Tax Record, Road, Topographical, Government Land Survey, Special District and miscellaneous maps. Once scanned, originals can be stored in special vaults and their digital counterparts can be linked to databases to streamline data retrieval. "This has been a fantastic example of how technology can perpetuate history as opposed to making it obsolete," says Lisa Desautels, owner of GISI. Using two VIDAR Flash high-speed monochrome scanners, Mohave County has already scanned approximately 28,000 of its maps.

Roger Esquerra, Cartography Supervisor for the County's Department of Cartography, responsible for tracking and assigning land parcels for Mohave County – which includes approximately 13,500 square miles of land situated in the most northwesterly corner of Arizona and also includes much of the Grand Canyon and significant parcels along the historic Route 66 in Arizona – initially contacted Ms. Desautels to learn more about scanning technology. Desautels not only sold his team on VIDAR's equipment but also on a custom database software, TIFFany, that could be tailored to the Department's needs. "We had been looking for a way to preserve our maps, but, as we waited for budgetary allocations, we also realized our data retrieval system was inefficient," says Tracey Schlund, Cartography Office Specialist. "The VIDAR equipment was impressive, and GISI's tailor-made database got us started in the right direction." By linking the scanned maps to databases that classify the most pertinent mapping information, data can be retrieved at the touch of a button, without physically touching the maps.

GISI has been serving Nevada and the entire US since 1997. Using state-of-the-art equipment and the most knowledgeable technicians in the industry, GISI has applied its tailor-made scanning and document retrieval solutions to such clients as: Clark County, McCarran Airport, Las Vegas Valley Water District and the City of Las Vegas. Whether scanning 50 documents or 50,000, GISI is helping companies secure their future.

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