



## **ALINION SETS NEW STANDARD FOR AUTOMATING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE**

### **RELEASE OF SENTINEL 5.0 PROVIDES GREATER VISIBILITY AND LOWERED MANAGEMENT COSTS FOR PROCESSES CRITICAL TO BUSINESS SUCCESS**

**Danville, CA., January 21, 2010** – Alinion, Inc., a provider of cloud-based process and document management software services, today announced release of Alinion Sentinel 5.0, providing more cost-effective management, communication, monitoring and reporting with specific emphasis on addressing the needs of banks and other financial management businesses.

Sentinel’s process management and data structure provide comprehensive, secure control of business and financial processes for single or multi-client environments. Sentinel security ensures the segregation and integrity of critical entity data and processing, ideally suited to financial organizations servicing multiple clients.

Alinion Sentinel 5.0 is built upon the proven Alinion integrated document and process management platform used by enterprises across the globe to manage, control and report on critical business operations. Sentinel’s technology provides for the easy definition, consolidation, management and reporting of virtually any combination of processing and document management.

Pat Griffith, VP of Product, says that “Sentinel 5.0 is especially suited to banks and other financial institutions facing increased performance and assessment pressure. With Sentinel 5.0, these enterprises can more effectively manage routine and as-required processing and reporting to stay on top of or overcome many of the current financial issues.”

Griffith said that no matter the operation -- whether commercial lending, real estate or operations -- financial institutions can automate, consolidate and streamline many functions while driving the cost out of time-intensive, manual operations required to meet a range of mandates and standards covering management, investor and regulatory concerns.

“Sentinel 5.0 is highly versatile and extensible across a wide range of management functions and organizations. Sentinel 5.0 can be used to augment existing automated functions, by asserting the operational discipline and control that ensures all processes are performed and reported as required, in a timely manner,” added Griffith.



Major new features in Sentinel 5.0 include time tracking, costing and budgeting, email templates, production reporting and retrieval of documents from Pop3 server addresses.

**Time Tracking** -- To enhance Sentinel's Assignment Management, Alinion has added automated Time Tracking. Time Tracking can be used for such purposes as workload planning, customer billing, productivity and budgeting. The time log tracks all time segments by a variety of categories, including task, user, process, organization and customer. Alinion has also added a set of parameter-driven, time-tracking reports which can be exported to .csv files and Microsoft Excel®.

**Process Scheduling** -- Scheduling options have been enhanced to enable the automatic incorporation of process template changes; incorporate scheduled emails to internal and external recipients; automatically recreate process folders and automatically complete respective events and processes based on the completion of their last task or event.

**Email** -- Sentinel now provides the ability to create email templates that can be used to standardize email notifications to internal and external users. Emails can be sent with attached documents, and emails can be scheduled as part of a process to provide automatic notification on a pre-determined date. Emails include the ability to broadcast emails to all users of a selected organization or customer.

**Revenue, Cost and Budgeting** -- Sentinel 5.0 provides the ability to budget processes at the event level. A business can monitor and track servicing costs, track operational productivity over time and modify processes to lower costs and improve productivity. Working in conjunction with the new time tracking feature, budgets are based on estimated event hours and a corresponding hourly rate. Rates can be specified at the Role level or for a specific user at the Position level. Sentinel automatically incorporates the appropriate rate and applies it to the assignment hours to produce Cost and Budget reports.

**Reporting** -- Sentinel's already-strong, option-driven reporting has been enhanced to include several new features. The ability to add a customized report to a dashboard for regular queries now provides authorized users to place a report on multiple dashboards. If one of these reports has data that can only be viewed by authorized users, then the reports are automatically filtered to correspond to the users' access permissions. In addition, production reports have been added to review time entries; report time at a detail level by process and to review productive time by a variety of options e.g. customer, organization, role, process, priority, status and user; report cost vs. revenue; and assess productivity at the process, user and organization levels. All Production and Time Entry reports can be exported as .csv files and converted to Microsoft Excel.

**Document Management** -- For documentation-intensive industries such as banking, Sentinel provides superior document management. Documents can be retrieved from a POP3 server, burst into multiple documents and stored in the same or different folder. The original source



document is retained, and an audit trail (change log) of all document actions is maintained. Documents can be sent as attachments to emails as part of Sentinel's new Email functionality. Alinion Sentinel empowers organizations to dramatically improve and simplify managing and monitoring the documents and control processes of regulated business.

Sentinel 5.0 can be quickly implemented with minimal interruption and without traditional IT involvement. Sentinel 5.0 will help organization's quickly take control by improving efficiency, reducing operating costs, enhancing visibility and consolidating information. Sentinel has proved to be an excellent pre-audit and audit support platform, reducing cost and increasing compliance. It is easy to use and cost-effective to run, integrating powerful document control with process management, providing a closed-loop system for continuously improving the operations of regulated business. Founded in 2005, Alinion is based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Additional information is available at [www.alinion.com](http://www.alinion.com).

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