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Robosoft

***Robosoft introduces Kompai***

*Kompai, the robot that assists dependent people, is presented for the first time at ILTCI*

**New Orleans, 8th of March 2010:** at ILTCI 2010 ([Intercompany Long Term Care Insurance Conference](#)), the French company Robosoft will present Kompai for the first time; a robot designed to assist dependent persons at home. This robot can speak, understand what is said to it, find its way around the house and, with just a word, access all internet services.

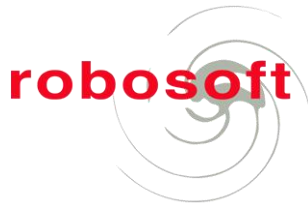
*"One of our top priorities is the domestic robots market for dependent persons, whether they be elderly, handicapped or autistic," says Vincent Dupourqué, CEO of Robosoft. "Kompai is the culmination of several years of research with scientific and medical partners. This first generation is intended for developers who would like to implement their own robotics applications for assistance".*

*"We're very happy to welcome Robosoft to ILTCI," says Jim Glickman, CEO of LifeCare Assurance Company and one of the organisers of the 2010 ILTCI Conference. "We are looking forward to the time when modern technologies, and in particular robotics, can provide fast and efficient solutions for helping to better assist dependent persons while controlling costs. Kompai's presence at our conference will be an opportunity to view the current progress about these new technologies and raise awareness with all of the key decision makers in the long term care insurance industry".*

Kompai is intended to help dependent persons in their daily lives. It is a mobile and communicative product. Somewhat like a dog, it has its "basket", which is the recharging dock that it heads back to when its batteries are low. Equipped with speech, it is able to understand simple orders and give a certain level of response. It knows its position within the house, how to get from one point to another on demand or on its own initiative, and it remains permanently connected to the internet and all its associated services.

Its primary means of communication with people is speech, with an additional touch screen that features simple icons. Future generations of Kompai will be equipped with visual abilities, and also the possibility to understand and express emotions. And later, the addition of arms will allow it to handle objects, leading to meal preparation and tidying; more practical functions, yet still fundamental in everyday life.

Kompai's development is partially funded by EC programme [AAL](#) and French Agency [ANR](#) (DOMEQ project).



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### ***About robuBOX***

Development of the robuBOX began in 2006. Several service robots equipped with preliminary versions of robuBOX have already been deployed as automated people transport vehicles (robuCAB and robuRIDE), as military robots (robuROC) and as research robots(robuLAB).

RobuBOX-Kompaï is a Kompaï-dedicated version that allows customers to build their own advanced robotics solutions. Its development and its ability to be modified is down to the Microsoft® Robotics Developer Studio environment (see <http://www.microsoft.com/robotics>).

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### ***About Robosoft***

Robosoft is the European leader in service robotics solutions. With over 20 years of recognised scientific and industrial expertise in this field, Robosoft has supplied advanced robotics solutions since 1985 in the transport, cleaning, security, health and research markets.

Now beyond professional applications, the era of personal robotics has begun. Robosoft thinks that its service robots, known as "robuTERs® " will be part of everyday life within 5 years. RobuTERs will make everyone's lives easier in activities of leisure, education, culture, health, and in particular for the elderly and dependent. In order to provide these applications in daily life, Robosoft has developed its own software technology, known as robuBOX. This is already built into the heart of all robots made by Robosoft, but it can also be licensed to third party integrators or other robot manufacturers.

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### ***About ILTCI***

Since 2001 the annual Intercompany Long Term Care Insurance Conference has gathered leaders of the long term care industry from the insurance, regulatory, medical, administrative, marketing, and computer organizations. The mission of the ILTCI is to create an environment for aging in America that includes thoughtful, informed planning that takes into account the most effective and efficient use of resources in addressing the risks and costs of long term care for all levels of American society

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### ***About LifeCare Assurance Company***

Started in 1988, LifeCare Assurance Company offers customized solutions to meet the fast evolving Long Term Care Insurance challenges. Based in Woodland Hills, California, LifeCare Assurance Company provides insurers with specialized LTCi programs featuring minimal risk and maximum administrative support. LifeCare Assurance Company utilizes the latest technology and knowledge to keep its clients at the forefront of the LTCi industry.

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