
Subject: Re: Kodak buys RSI!!

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I also fall into the "glass is half full" camp.

First of all, I think it natural that Kodak would want to acquire RSI. If 70% of my business were from the sale of film (that's the number the papers quoted for Kodak this week), then I would try to get into the digital world as fast as possible, and acquisition of RSI would seem a natural step.

At least in astronomy, Kodak has a long history of working with scientists.

And even if Kodak focuses future developments toward imaging, most of these 2-d tools (e.g. wavelets, time-series) should also be applicable for 1-d spectra -- that is sort of the way that IDL is designed.

And Kodak may have the marketing power to substantially increase the IDL market, and maybe even decrease the price per license. (Boy, I really am an optimist!)

My main concern is that the direction of IDL can now be subject to the whims of Kodak headquarters, especially given their current financial problems. So I will be watching the next few months to see if Kodak has a coherent plan for RSI.

Now how do the Boulder employees feel about moving to Rochester, NY??

--Wayne Landsman

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