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* **Mission: “Preserving legal and governance-related global content and making this valuable information accessible and searchable**”
  + 1976-2002 converted 105,000 volumes into microform; as of 2002 launched LLMC-Digital, which has digitized over 90,000 volumes
  + in a recent LLMC Digital survey, 76% of law libraries report that they have been actively discarding print content in the past 2 years; primarily, US State and Federal law books
* **Collaborative, Multi-Format Preservation**
  + to date, 91 libraries participated in the donation of preservation books (such as: Univ of Miami donated large number of US State Session laws; Wayne State, very large donation of US State Supreme Court Reports; Iowa State University, State Attorney General and Opinions Reports; Univ of Hawaii, GPO titles)
  + in 2010, formed Global Resources Law Partnership with CRL
  + multi-format preservation includes: original paper blocks of scanned books – archivally wrapped and preserved in ideal dark-archive storage; Silver Halide Masters; and 3 sites which store digital images
* **Permanent Preservation in the Salt Mines in Kansas**
  + vetted at the page-level, only “Satisfactory” volumes to the salt mines; defined as: “no missing and/or partial pages and the volume condition indicates it could be scanned again”
  + contracted with Underground Vaults & Storage (Jan 2007 to Dec 2026)
    - encased in 400 ft thick solid rock salt, located 650 ft below earth’s surface, underground temperature is 70F with humidity level of 45%, accessible only by vertical freight elevator
    - “Fort Knox” security measures like biometric scans, video cameras, redundant authorizations, steel vault doors, blind passwords, anonymous storage, restricted personnel access, infrared monitors
    - access to 10,000 cubic feet of storage was exceeded in 2015 at 11,059.5 cubic feet and growing!
    - salt mine costs include: minimum annual fee for storage $20,000/year + $2/per cubic ft over 10,000; ingest expense $.50/box; retrieval expense $2.75/box
    - operation and quality control covers: standardized shipment boxes (10x12x15 inch double walled box); currently, 7,782 boxes at salt mines (another 443 boxes palletized and ready to ship); tracking numbers and Location Control Report
* **Business Model – Preservation is integral to LLMC Digital’s Mission**
  + preservation costs part of our general operations budget (primarily subscription revenue)
* **Other Highlights**
  + LLMC Digital prioritizes content in the Public Domain, so approx. 72% of publication dates for books in the salt mines are prior to 1923 (examples: Title: Kelyng, J., King’s Bench Reports 1662-69, consisting of cases in the reign of King Charles II, published 1708; Title: Tindal, Four Discourses, 1709, consisting of discourses on politics and government, international law, freedom of religion, and freedom of the press)
  + preserve in various editions of titles (example: New York, Johnson’s Reports, 3 editions)
  + most content in the salt mines is in English; however, other languages represented include: Latin, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Dutch, German, Japanese and Burmese.
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