

Esker Completes HIPAA/HITECH Security Assessment for Its On-Demand Document Process Automation Solutions

Sydney, Australia — April 1, 2015 — Esker, a worldwide leader in document process automation solutions and pioneer in cloud computing, today announced it has recently completed a security assessment of its on-demand document process automation solutions against the published safeguards and breach reporting requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act as of December 23, 2014.

Completion of the HIPAA/HITECH security assessment indicates that Esker's applicable processes, procedures and controls in place to protect electronic protected health information (ePHI) have been formally evaluated and tested by an independent auditing firm. The assessment included Esker's controls related to the HIPAA Security Rule including: Administrative Safeguards, Physical Safeguards, Technical Safeguards, and Organisational, Policies and Procedures and Documentation Requirements, the safeguards defined by the Privacy Rule, as well as the HITECH Breach reporting requirements for its define services.

The security requirements defined by HIPAA/HITECH are required for companies that handle ePHI or can impact the security, confidentiality and/or availability of ePHI. By completing this security assessment the company demonstrates its commitment to the security of the data on their systems.

"Our team is pleased to have conducted a thorough assessment of Esker in order to determine that their internal processes, procedures and controls are in compliance with the relevant requirements of both HIPAA and the HITECH Act," said Scott Price, Managing Partner at A-lign®. "A-lign performed the security assessment efficiently and effectively, and Esker met the requirements on all fronts."

The HIPAA/HITECH security assessment is crucial to Esker's development and will help the company achieve its goal of providing the medical industry access to and the benefits of document process automation. Reducing costs, improving services and protecting PHI is more important than ever for the healthcare industry, and paperless document exchange solutions offer a viable alternative to manual processing methods.

"HIPAA and the HITECH Act address the absolute necessity that patient data and PHI be made private, secure and readily available — all things we strive to provide to each and every customer," said Jean-Michel Bérard, CEO at Esker. "Our completion of the security assessment highlights Esker's overall strategy of delivering the highest level of security and reliability in regards to confidential information, and helps provide our customers in the healthcare industry with an even greater peace of mind."

About Esker

Esker is a worldwide leader in document process automation solutions. Addressing all types of business processes from accounts payable and accounts receivable to order processing and procurement, Esker cloud computing solutions enable companies to automate the reception, processing and sending of any business document with one platform. Esker helps over 80,000 companies across the world to reduce the use of paper and eliminate manual processes while improving their productivity, efficiency and environmental impact.

Esker has global headquarters in Lyon, France, U.S. headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin, and ANZ headquarters in Sydney (since 1997). Over 1,800 companies in Australia and New Zealand rely on Esker solutions to run their businesses. For more information, visit www.esker.com.au, follow us at twitter.com/EskerANZ and read our blog on www.blog.esker.com.au.

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