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Esker and ReadSoft Form Global Electronic Document Management Partnership

Combined solution streamlines inbound and outbound communications

Sydney, 15th August, 2003 - Esker Software, leading provider of solutions for business document workflow and delivery, and ReadSoft, leading provider of solutions for business document capture, have announced a global partner agreement to offer a document automation solution that automatically manages inbound and outbound documents.

Connected to a business workflow system, the Esker and ReadSoft solution will allow companies to completely automate their document processing outside of their ERP system; from the automatic capture of incoming documents to the automatic delivery of outgoing documents.

ReadSoft's technology captures and interprets incoming documents (on paper or in electronic form) and directs them to the corresponding enterprise application. The Esker DeliveryWare Platform receives documents from the corresponding enterprise application, and delivers them in the recipients' preferred format, be it email, XML, fax, web, or SMS. Both solutions are completely compatible, and integrate seamlessly into all major ERP systems.

"Our two companies service the same market - Esker manages output, and ReadSoft manages input, so it is only logical that we work together. Our combined solution is modern - it delivers savings, it reduces manual handling of documents, and it integrates seamlessly into existing enterprise packages," said James Elkington, Managing Director of Esker Software Australia.

“The strength of our combined solution is that it allows corporations to cut costs by reducing manual document handling, and to get an immediate return by leveraging off their existing enterprise application investments without incurring huge implementation costs,” adds Vincent Ehrstrom, Managing Director of ReadSoft Australia.

The two companies’ Australian operations first entered into an informal co-marketing partnership over a year ago, and the success of this informal agreement has led to the partnership being formalised on a global level. The partnership will initially call for a series of seminars in European countries, where Esker and ReadSoft are present. Already launched in Australia and France, these seminars have proved to be very successful, attracting CFOs, senior buyers, and other chief executives. Some fifteen projects are already based on this offer.

Esker solutions have already been adopted by corporations such as Travelex, Ricoh, TAB, and P&O Logistics.

About Esker Software

Esker Software solutions connect people and information. Providing access to enterprise host systems and delivering business information from any enterprise source to any destination, Esker solutions include:

- Esker DeliveryWare Platform
- Esker Fax™, Esker VSI-FAX® and Esker VSI-FAX for Notes
- SmarTerm® by Esker and Tun®Plus by Esker.

Esker Software's parent company is Esker SA, a French based company traded on Euronext, the French Stock Exchange (Le Nouveau Marché/Euroclear: 3581). Esker Software's Asia Pacific head office is in Sydney, Australia and with other offices in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific, Esker has shipped over 80,000 document solutions and has a host-access installed base of more than two million licensed users.

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