Escher Group Holdings plc

Escher technology to be used by Ireland's National License & Permits Application Systems for Enterprises

Escher Group Holdings plc (AIM: ESCH, 'Escher' or 'the Group'), a world leading provider of outsourced, point-of-service software for use in the worldwide postal, retail and financial industries, has, in conjunction with its partner An Post (the Irish Post Office), been awarded the contract to digitally deliver Ireland's National License & Permits applications system for enterprises.

Following a competitive tender run by the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) Escher's RiposteTrEx™ solution and An Post's national reach and operational expertise were awarded the contact.

The outsourced, cloud based service, based on Escher's digital transaction management platform RiposteTrEx™ will be hosted by An Post. It will provide a one-stop-shop cloud service designed to digitally manage document-based licensing applications and permits meaning that enterprises can digitally apply for government licenses and permits.

The system will be delivered, in the first instance for the retail sector which includes 29 core licences across 40 public sector licensing authorities, including over 30 local authorities. It is envisaged that this system would then be expanded to include other licences in key sectors of the economy and involve other licensing authorities as the Integrated Licensing Application System is rolled out.

This removes the friction inherent in transactions that involve people, documents, and data to create faster, easier, more convenient, and secure processes. This will contribute to the Irish Government's overall objective of making Ireland the best small country in which to do business.

The License & Permits service is planned to be operational later this year.

Liam Church, CEO of Escher Group, said**:**

"We are delighted to have won this contract in partnership with An Post demonstrating our capabilities in the provision of outsourced Government services. It further validates Escher's investment in our digital transaction management software which is now licensed in the U.K, South Africa and Ireland.

"We believe that there is growing demand for digital transaction management services in both Government and enterprises and look forward to continuing to build our expertise in this area."

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About Escher Group

Escher is a world leading provider of outsourced, point-of-service software for use in the worldwide postal, retail and financial industries. Its core software, Riposte$^®$, a Transaction Services Platform, enables our customers to expand their offerings, providing new services, reducing costs and increasing efficiency.

The Riposte$^®$ Platform securely extends the retail branch network. Our technology creates new revenue opportunities, streamlines operations, and its flexibility allows it to be deployed across multiple platforms and devices, giving the ultimate freedom of choice when it comes to channel and hardware selection.

Our focus is to ensure the success of our customers by delivering the very best in innovative technology for their business.