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Escher Group Holdings plc

Patent granted for Electronic Business Postal System

Escher Group Holdings plc, (AIM: ESCH, "Escher" or "the Group"), a world-leading provider of outsourced, point of service software to the postal industry, has received patent approval from the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore for its Electronic Business Postal System.

The system manages the two way communication of messages between mailboxes and portals through a network of secured system end points. Authenticated users can send and receive digital mailings from personal portals, business portals or mailbox portals.

This Electronic Business Postal System patent, along with its previously announced Digital Mailbox System patent, is the foundation for Escher's *RiposteTrEx*[™] digital services product.

Liam Church, Chief Executive of Escher Group said:

"These patent awards are a strong endorsement of Escher's IP and expertise in interactive digital communications and digital mail services."

"Portal systems, mobile apps and digital mailbox systems are an ever increasing feature of our digital world. There is an increasing need for these to interact and allow transactional and other data to be transferred in a standard and secure way. Our technology enables the high speed and secure transfer of digital mailings between these types of systems."

The patent granted to Escher in the United States is U.S. Pat. No. 8,600,912 B2, "Electronic Business Postal System" and the patent granted in Singapore is P-No. 169657, "Electronic Business Postal System".

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About Escher Group

Escher is a world leading developer and provider of outsourced, point of service software for use in the postal industry worldwide. Its core software, *RiposteEssential*, enables post offices to expand upon their traditional offering, providing additional new services, reducing costs and increasing efficiency. *Riposte* is a messaging middleware that enables applications operating on different computers to communicate with each other. The *Riposte* software manages data, monitors the system status and communicates across the network. Escher operates across two divisions - its Retail Software Division and its Message Based Communications Division.

The Retail Software Solution (*RiposteEssential*) serves the postal and courier markets. Transactions include mail and financial services and the system is integrated with utilities and financial services companies, banks and central and local governments.

Escher's Message Based Communications Division (*RiposteTrEx*) is based on a digital post office box model and is designed to provide a national digital infrastructure linking governments, businesses and citizens via a secure platform.