

Esker Earns SAS 70 Certification for its On-Demand Automation Solutions

Derby, UK – January 20, 2011 – Esker, the leader in document process automation solutions, announced today that it has received the Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 70 certification for its on-demand automation solutions. Esker cloud computing solutions have experienced impressive growth and this certification validates the quality and integrity of Esker's internal control process and procedures for its on-demand customers.

In a market context of increased externalisation, service organisations or service providers are required to demonstrate that they have adequate controls and safeguards when they host or process data belonging to their customers. Created by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the SAS 70 standard was developed specifically to address this concern.

Based on an independent audit, SAS 70 certification allows service organisations to guarantee process integrity for their customers. SAS 70 addresses the rules of internal control outlined in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act legislation and is primarily used by companies whose jobs impact their customers' finances (payroll management, data centers, third-party administrators, logistics, fundraising, etc.).

Following an audit conducted by Ernst & Young, Esker was granted SAS 70 Type I* certification based on 25 internal controls including data centres security, incident management process, infrastructure monitoring, logistics access and recruitment. Furthermore, Esker anticipates a SAS 70 Type II certification within the next year.

“We are very pleased to have received the SAS 70 Type I certification. We put everything in place to offer our customers service and security conditions – superior to what they themselves could provide. This certification supports our on-demand development strategy of helping our customers automate and externalise their business workflow. The SAS 70 standard delivers transparency to our customers and provides us with a true competitive advantage, specifically in Europe where we are one of the few vendors to be certified,” said Jean-Michel Bérard, CEO and President of the Board of Directors, Esker.

* Two types of certification exist: Type I audits include an examination of controls that have been placed in operation and how these very controls achieve the specified control objective for a stated period of time. Type II audits include an examination of controls that have been placed in operation and testing of operating effectiveness. Testing of controls is required for Type II audits, with a minimum testing period of at least six months.

About Esker

Esker is a recognised leader in helping organisations eliminate manual processes, gain process visibility and control, and reduce the use of paper by automating the flow of documents into, within and out of the organisation. With patented document delivery automation software and hosted document delivery services, Esker offers a total solution to automate every phase and every type of business information exchange. Customers achieve significant and immediate operational efficiencies, cost savings and measurable ROI in as little as three to six months.

Founded in 1985, Esker operates globally with more than 80,000 customers and millions of licensed users worldwide. Esker has global headquarters in Lyon, France and U.S. headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin.

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