

Introducing New Patent Pending Technologies from Esker

Two new Esker technologies improve user productivity and document recognition accuracy of on demand document automation suites

Derby, UK – June 17th 2010 – Esker, the leader in document process automation solutions, announced today it has two patents pending with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office for the development of technologies to improve the speed and efficiency of implementing inbound document automation solutions and increase user productivity.

Accurately recognising the content of unstructured business documents such as supplier invoices, sales orders and order confirmations represents a real challenge to the automation of inbound document processes. Typical automation technologies involve document layout analysis and dedicated complex business rules designed by administrators in order to properly identify data in each document.

The first Esker technology allows organisations to analyse document structure and identify variable data within a specific document — without relying on human intervention. This technology analyses each inbound document creating a map of variable vs. invariable data. Using the example of a scanned invoice, all variable data such as due date, invoice number, vendor ID, etc... is detected automatically and made available as an electronic file for management in the accounts payable workflow.

“Defining new technologies demonstrates Esker’s unique ability and expertise at inventing and improving document process solutions to allow organisations to become more streamlined and efficient. More specifically, this technology eliminate hours spent on customisation dramatically reducing project implementation time” said Jean-Michel Bérard, President of Esker.

The second technology created by Esker allows business users to manipulate data involved in reconciling business documents such as matching invoices to purchase orders or bill of lading. Reconciliation of a scanned image with OCR (Optical Character Recognition) extracted data and ERP data is particularly complex to display properly on a computer screen for validation.

This new Esker technology assures faster and more accurate data validation by displaying all key data sets directly within a single web browser. An interactive screen displays the scanned image, the OCR extracted data, and the



ERP source data in separated panes accessible in real-time — allowing users to validate information more accurately, thus eliminating errors.

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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