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# **Persona<sup>®</sup> 5.0 by Esker<sup>®</sup> earns Common Criteria security certification**

*Web-to-host connectivity solution meets strict, globally recognized security standards*

MADISON, Wis., and LYON, France, 27 January 2003 – Esker Software, leading worldwide provider of information access and delivery solutions, announces the immediate availability of Persona 5.0 for secure web-to-host connectivity. Persona 5.0 recently earned certification according to the Common Criteria standard established and recognized by the United States, Canada, and 14 nations in Europe and Asia.

“The Common Criteria certification assures that Persona meets key security standards for cryptographic support, user data protection, security management, identification and authentication, and trusted paths/channels,” says Jean-Michel Bérard, Esker CEO. “Persona 5.0 is the first and only terminal emulation solution to meet these stringent standards agreed upon by the world’s foremost technology-producing nations.”

“The Common Criteria certification provides customers in government, healthcare, finance, education, and other industries with objective, independent evaluations of the security capabilities of high tech products,” states Marcy Dahlk, host access product manager at Esker. “Persona achieved an Evaluation Assurance Level 3 (EAL3), providing a high level of security assurance.”

Esker sought certification as part of a purchase agreement with an agency of the United States government.

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According to a National Security Agency mandate—National Security Telecommunications Information Security Systems Policy No. 11 (NSTISSP No. 11)—effective July 2002, government agencies and contractors handling sensitive or classified information must purchase products that have received Common Criteria certification.

A Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation (CCITSE) must be carried out by an accredited laboratory. Persona was certified at the Common Criteria Testing Laboratory of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), one of the first commercial laboratories to receive government accreditation.

Esker's Persona allows local and remote web-browser users to access information residing on IBM mainframe and iSeries (AS/400), Unix, Digital, and Data General systems. Persona security includes high-level encryption and digital certificates. Persona features centralized administration, remote administration, and interface customization.

“With Persona 5.0, government and other organizations can give users access to central systems from anywhere,” concludes Dahlk, “confident that sensitive information is secure from eavesdropping, interception, or tampering.”

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## About Esker Software

Esker Software solutions connect people and information. Providing access to enterprise host systems and enabling delivery of 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
- ◆ Persona® by Esker, SmarTerm® by Esker, and Tun®Plus by Esker.

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