

# Corporate Realignment Frees Esprit Limited to Pursue Public Sector Focus

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Strategic move enables delivery of superior solutions to meet

rising expectations for improved services

Derbyshire, UK – Esprit Limited announced today that it has been bought by the Dokimas Group, following the demerger of Esprit Limited and Soutron Limited from the former Esprit Soutron Partnership.

Operating as an independent subsidiary of the Dokimas Group, Esprit will be able to reap the benefits of this amalgamation to deliver increased focus on the delivery of Enterprise Information Management solutions and to accelerate the development of its Java-based 'x' technology.

The union means that the Dokimas Group and Esprit will be able to offer a wide range of leading-edge technology solutions to meet increased service delivery expectations. Over the last 18 months, both the Dokimas Group and Esprit solutions have been increasingly deployed into larger-scale, high-innovation projects within both the corporate and public sectors, with the e-Government domain being the largest growth area.

The Dokimas Group brings additional resources to support Esprit solutions, including hosting/outsourcing facilities, providing a long-term stable base for future development and enabling Esprit to focus on key customers and markets.

“This transformation places us in a strong position”, stated Jim Burton, Managing Director at Esprit Limited. “The input from the Dokimas Group will allow us to concentrate our experience, knowledge and resources exactly where they are needed so that our customers receive totally dedicated and pertinent development and support both now and into the future.”

Nigel Pegg, Chief Executive Officer at Dokimas added “We are delighted to bring such a dynamic and proven new technology company as Esprit into the group. Esprit expertise in e-democracy and multi-agency solutions is entirely complementary to our current work in the public sector. The powerful combination of application-building, structured content management and interoperability means that we can offer to our customers genuine opportunities for improved service delivery”.

Esprit has rapidly become well known in its target sectors for the successful implementation of effective solutions built around leading-edge technology. The company's ability to demonstrate tangible implementation of their theme of 'Working in Partnership', particularly in the area of joined-up service delivery, has resulted in a number of new business opportunities. Esprit's solutions in this area enable multiple departments, offices and agencies to gather, manage and share mission-critical knowledge with one another and to deliver improved services without the typically prohibitive costs of replacing established information systems and databases.

Recent areas of focus within the e-Government sphere have included Identification, Referral and Tracking of children at risk (IRT), Single Assessment Process for older people (SAP), Freedom of Information (FOI) and Democratic Accountability and Scrutiny. Within the corporate and education sector, solutions are being developed and installed in the areas of Research and Enquiry Management and e-Resource management solutions within a variety of leading pharmaceutical companies, management consultants and universities.

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#### Esprit Limited

At Esprit Limited our solutions support information publishing and knowledge management by transforming and reproducing the vast wealth of content held by and available to an organisation through a highly usable dynamic, profitable and compelling web presence. We deliver comprehensive and affordable information management solutions based upon unique meta-modelling techniques that enable organisations to seamlessly organise, categorise, link and access real-time data across entire business processes.

#### The Dokimas Group

The Dokimas Group contains three main subsidiaries, DS Limited, Crossnet Systems Limited and Esprit Limited. The group is privately owned, financially sound and is well equipped to take a long-term view of its market, to the benefit of its customers. DS has been developing computer systems since 1970, at which time it was part of Plessey Data Systems, and has continued to flourish since it became an independent company in 1982. It is now the largest supplier of library management systems to UK public libraries with over 60 local authorities using Galaxy and OpenGalaxy. In recent years, DS has extended its customer base into archives, record offices and museums. Crossnet Systems, providing interoperability products and services, was incorporated into the group in 2001. Its international client list includes the British Library, the national libraries in France, Germany, Sweden, and Hungary, the European Centre for Space Observation and the European Space Agency Research Institute as well as Encyclopaedia Britannica and Oxford University.

## Soutron Limited

Soutron Limited who originally partnered with Esprit in the Esprit Soutron Partnership has set itself up as a new and separate company focused on the sales and marketing of Inmagic® Content Server and DB/TextWorks within the UK and Ireland.

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