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DESlock+ Awarded CCTM

- **Data Encryption Systems (DES) achieves approval to supply its flagship security product, DESlock+, to government and the military**

Taunton, UK - May 2008 - Data Encryption Systems Limited (DES), the UK-based leader in software copyright protection, data encryption, secure messaging and data storage solutions, has today announced that it has achieved CESG Claims Tested Mark (CCTM). As a CCTM accredited product DESlock+ can now be used within the public sector, Central Government and the MoD. DESlock+ helps organisations to protect against all types of data breach by offering simple, yet extremely powerful, encryption of documents, folders, disks and removable storage media, and computer systems. Today, DES has a wide spread user base and the potential for the product is enormous, especially now that it has been awarded CCTM.

The CESG Claims Tested Mark (CCTM) scheme provides a government quality mark for the public and private sectors based on accredited independent testing, designed to prove the validity of security functionality claims by vendors. DESlock+ will now be listed as an approved product in the IACS Directory, having passed the necessary independent tests to ensure it meets security standards that are required to supply to the public sector, including local authorities, NHS, education, criminal justice and police, as well as Central Government and MoD.

CESG is the UK Government's National Technical Authority for Information Assurance (IA) and is responsible for enabling secure and trusted knowledge sharing between government and military customers. CESG is the IA arms of the Government Communication Headquarters (GCHQ), offering a range of IA services and schemes to give guidance and information.

All CCTM products are put through the following process:

- The CCTM accredited Test Laboratory tests the functionality of the product or service against the claims that are made in its marketing
- The product documentation is checked for accuracy and to ensure all information needed to make an informed decision is present

- Existing customers are interviewed to confirm that their experience of using the product matched the claims of the vendor

David Tomlinson, Managing Director for DES, comments: “Despite aiming DESlock+ squarely at the SME market two years ago, we have been surprised by our own success with Enterprise and Government customers. However, in the past we have had trouble getting short-listed with some of these organisations, as we haven’t had the right approvals, so this is a very significant result for us.

We have just returned from exhibiting at the Infosecurity Europe Exhibition at Olympia in London, and a real high point was being approached independently by two high-ranking government security officers from different countries who were both DESlock+ converts. They both use our software under exceptional conditions, and at home, and both wanted to introduce the product department-wide, but historically have been unable to do so because of the reasons outlined already. It was therefore very satisfying to be able to turn around and show that we are now approved.

We are seeing positive results already, in fact after getting back from the show, we had a call from an NHS department looking for DES to design a training programme for them and one of the first things they asked was whether we were approved, so it seems we got it just in time!”

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Notes for editors:

About Data Encryption Systems (DES)

Since 1985, Data Encryption Systems has been the UK’s most successful manufacturer of software protection dongles, software copyright protection systems, and secure handset reprogramming accessories. Data Encryption Systems markets and supports products used by tens of thousands of businesses worldwide to protect applications, copyrighted materials, medical records, government files and other confidential and personal information. The company’s flagship product, DESlock+, has been awarded *SC Magazine*’s Best Buy for three successive years.