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New Patents Issued for Document-to-Email Technology

New Technology Enables Fax and Multifunction Machines to Send Documents Directly to Email

ATLANTA, Oct. 5, 2004 -- E-mate Enterprises announced today that it has been issued U.S. Patent Numbers 6,693,729 and 6,707,580 covering its document-to-email technology.

E-mate bridges the technology gap between paper and electronic documents by enabling users to send hardcopy documents to email recipients by way of their fax or multi-function machines. These machines are installed in virtually every office in the world representing an installed base of well over 100 million devices for which the E-mate technology is applicable.

"There are only three known ways to send a hardcopy document directly to an email address - scanning the document and attaching to an email message, sending via an email capable multifunction machine, or using the E-mate technology," stated Mark Bloomfield, inventor and founder of E-mate. "E-mate is much less expensive and easier to use than the other two alternatives. E-mate features can be added to any of the existing worldwide installed base of fax machines as well as can be embedded into newly manufactured machines, making this technology broad-based and very valuable," said Bloomfield.

E-mate technology leverages the scanner of the fax or multifunction machine for digitizing the document to be sent to an email recipient. A small, low cost E-mate adapter enables email addressing capability at the user's machine. An E-mate enabled messaging server communicates with this adapter to receive the data and routing information necessary to deliver the digital document to the email destination. The document is deposited into the recipient's email mailbox in the same manner as if the document were emailed from a computer. The recipient views the documents as an Adobe PDF image. The sender of a hardcopy paper document now has the same benefits of sending an electronic document via email.

E-mate is the converse of the universal messaging mailbox, a "Receiver-Based" solution, whereby the user must own a special mailbox provisioned to accept documents into their email. E-mate is a "Sender-Based" technology, whereby any sender may send a hardcopy document via email to any person with only an email address.

"The need for an inexpensive, simple means for sending hardcopy documents utilizing email is easily recognized and desired by most users," said Michael McLaughlin, a Managing Director with IPAC, LLC, a national intellectual property investment and asset management firm. "E-mate technology has successfully solved this problem and is an innovation ready for today's market. We are now seeking interested companies who would like to either license or purchase this technology for commercialization within their respective markets."

In addition to the newly issued patents, E-mate owns two other U.S. patents, one Australian patent, with patents pending both in the U.S. and internationally.

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