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QED for electronic signatures – Quick, Elegant, Dependable

Over 100 suppliers introduce indatex / crossgate e-Box™ Services

Starnberg, August 9, 2006 – **Although EDI has become second nature for many organizations, conventional technology has reached its limits where the transmission of legally compliant, input tax-relevant documentation is concerned. Classical letter mail seemed to be the only alternative. This is where indatex / crossgate e-Box™ Services set in, with the Business Integration Platform™ serving as the central hub for data processing, legally recognized, digitally signed electronic mailing and archiving. Over 100 organizations – including Arvin Meritor, Festo, Freudenberg, Goodyear, Hella and TRW Automotive – are currently using this service. A complete list of clients is available at: http://www.bip-info.com/bip_german/pages/loesungen/ebox.php.**

With their 2004 tax amendment law, legislators laid the foundations for turning the paperless office into reality. It provided companies with legal sureness when transferring documents of an invoice nature over the Internet. But in practice, there was an acute dearth of organizations that actually used such solutions. In early 2006, Audi became one of the first companies in the automotive sector to introduce the electronic transfer of bills and refunds. indatex / crossgate was responsible for successfully implementing the project and communicating with all suppliers before the system went live.

indatex / crossgate's e-Box™ Services offer a fully integrated platform for installing electronic mailing systems quickly and safely. "Comparisons have shown that per-receipt costs can be slashed by up to 60 percent," says Stefan Tittel, Managing Director of indatex / crossgate. "As no company can afford to drive costs unnecessarily, migrating all forms of communication to EDI has to become a top management priority."

indatex / crossgate's services – that can also be used modularly – include: importing the invoice recipient's particulars; converting them into PDF format; appending a legally recognized electronic signature; storage in the Web archive; notifying the recipient by email;

and posting the refund / invoice to the portal. Calling up the invoice triggers an automatic validation of the key.

Subscribing to this system requires the written consent of both parties. indatex / crossgate has therefore synchronized the approach meticulously with all organizations registered thus far. New users can communicate electronically ad hoc with the registered companies. "Anyone deciding to implement EDI on the basis of our Business Integration Platform™ will enjoy end to end service and automatically be able to interface with a multitude of interesting business partners," explains Managing Director Stefan Tittel.

indatex/CROSSGATE – the company:

Indatex/CROSSGATE AG, based in Starnberg near Munich, has been the supplier of Europe's largest centralized transaction platform, the Business Integration Platform™ (B.I.P.), for six years now. The focus of the company is on the innovative integration of critical and inter-company business processes, as well as transaction-based process handling. Indatex/CROSSGATE combines industry and process know-how in the automotive and manufacturing industries, logistics, and retailing with great technological problem-solving ability in IT.

The principal shareholders of Indatex/CROSSGATE are the family of the SAP founder and major shareholder Dietmar Hopp, and Otto Wolff Industrieberatung und Beteiligungen GmbH, one of the more important German private-equity firms.

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