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PRESS RELEASE

Standards body PISCES announces launch of e-registration project with Land Registry.

This project began with Land Registry joining PISCES at the start of this year, to develop schemas for the electronic exchange of the following existing forms:

- e-CSF with AP1 equivalent;
- Official Copy where Title Number is known (OC1);
- Official Copy 2 (OC2);
- Official Search with Priority (OS1);
- Land Charges Bankruptcy Search (K16);
- Enquiry by Property Description.

The next stage of the project will be to consider how Land Registry can join forces with Registers of Scotland (RoS) who have recently taken Executive Membership of PISCES, to develop harmonized standard conveyancing elements across the industry.

Mike Traynor, Director of Information, Registers of Scotland says:

“RoS is committed to driving forward our ambitious transformation programme which includes initiatives such as the Automated Registration of Title to Land (ARTL). We do this while ensuring that other sectors can still talk to our systems and work with our data. This facilitates joined-up Government and a smoother, simpler service for our customers and partners.”

Catherine Williams, PISCES Chief Executive says:

“We are delighted there is a joint desire to harmonise the common elements of these processes, led and supported by Government stakeholders. The benefit to Case Management System development in having Standard data components for things like address, property and parties etc is huge, and extends beyond the registration process to all the exchanges of data necessary to execute the entire transaction.”

“PISCES already manages Standards for HIPS and Searches but having the active participation of the registries gives the software developers confidence that a single standard for these components will exist, reducing the time and cost involved in implementing new interfaces.”

Paul Westmore, Head of External Services Development at Land Registry says:

“Membership of PISCES has already helped us to get closer to our customers and encourage development of open standards for data exchange through the provision of XML schemas.”

Paul will be discussing this project at the PISCES Annual Conference to be held on 29th and 30th September at the Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh. The conference is open to Non-Members, as well as Members and you can find all the information, including how to register your place at the [PISCES Conference Website](#).

NOTES FOR EDITORS

PISCES

1. PISCES is a non-profit e-commerce organisation that develops and maintains an open global industry standards for property related data exchanges.
2. PISCES is the EMEA Region Member and co-founder of OSCRE International (Open Standards Consortium for Real Estate) – the only global e-commerce standards body for real estate.
3. The PISCES website is at: www.pisc.es.co.uk

Land Registry

1. With the largest transactional property database of its kind, Land Registry underpins the economy by safeguarding ownership of many billions of pounds worth of property.
2. As a government department established in 1862, executive agency and trading fund responsible to the Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor, Land Registry keeps and maintains the Land Register for England and Wales. The Land Register has been an open document since 1990.
3. For further information about Land Registry visit www.landregistry.gov.uk

Registers of Scotland

1. Registers of Scotland (RoS) is the non-ministerial government department, executive agency and trading fund responsible for compiling and maintaining registers relating to property and other legal documents in Scotland. We protect the rights of the individual while providing access to important legal information, by safeguarding ownership we underpin the Scottish economy.
2. Scotland was the first country to establish a national system of registration giving rights to the public. Registers were kept from approximately the 13th century until the Register of Sasines, a national public register of deeds, was created by an Act of the Scottish Parliament in 1617. In 1979 an Act of Parliament established the Land Register of Scotland as the national register of title to land. There are currently 1.4 million titles in the Land Register of Scotland and eventually it will replace the Register of Sasines.
3. In line with government policy RoS has developed a new electronic system called Automated Registration of Title to Land (ARTL). This system provides a quicker, more

efficient and cheaper system of registering changes in title to land and property already held in the Land Register.

4. For more information on the work of Registers of Scotland (RoS) go to:

www.ros.gov.uk

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