



## **Epoq and Clearlybusiness, a Barclays Company, Collaborate to Bring Online Legal Services to Thousands of Small Businesses in the UK**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2010, London** - A recent collaboration between leading online legal services provider Epoq, and Clearlybusiness, an innovation unit of Barclays, has given thousands of small businesses in the UK access to critical legal documents online.

Part of Clearlybusiness' commitment to providing small businesses with the best and most advanced management solutions, this initiative enables Clearlybusiness customers to be compliant with complex business regulations, quickly, easily and cost-effectively. The service which is delivered via Epoq's unique and market-leading document automation system, Rapidocs, conveniently enables the online drafting of legal documents critical to the compliant and safe running of small businesses.

Richard Cohen, Solicitor and Joint CEO of Epoq comments; "Epoq has been at the forefront of developments in online legal services and spearheaded a new era of legal services accessibility and value for small businesses. Our clever document drafting technology combined with internet delivery and call centre support keeps the quality of legal services high, but costs low, meeting the need of small businesses for an easily accessible and affordable legal document service."

Through Barclays Legal Manager and Barclays Legal Essentials services, part of the Barclays Business Manager & Business Essentials product range, small business clients will have online access to a range of legal document libraries covering areas such as business start-up, intellectual property, purchase and sales agreements, health and safety and employment. All documents are created by top solicitors and barristers and are constantly reviewed and updated in accordance with changes in the law, giving small businesses the peace of mind that comes with knowing that the legal documents they are using are of the highest quality and legally sound. Furthermore, completed documents can be sent for legal review by a quality-accredited legal team at no extra cost, resulting in substantial savings in legal costs for the business.

John Davis, Clearlybusiness Managing Director comments; “ Our customers tell us that staying on top of red tape and legislation is one of the biggest headaches involved in running their business. We wanted to provide them with an easy, fast and reliable compliance service, giving them peace of mind that their business is fully compliant. Our partnership with Epoq enables just that, and our new Barclays Legal Manager and Barclays Legal Essentials services have already received tremendous feedback from customers and front line staff alike.”

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### **About Epoq**

Since 1994 Epoq ([www.epoq.co.uk](http://www.epoq.co.uk)) has been developing new and innovative legal solutions; we are a trusted provider to many of the world’s leading financial institutions and now provide intelligent legal document services to over 1 million of their customers.

Epoq has invested over £10 million in technologies and relationships to fully manage the delivery of legal services, we have developed over 200 individual award winning solutions (including Wills, Divorce and Employment), and work with our network of highly respected legal call centres in the UK.

Coinciding with radical changes in the legal services industry, Epoq’s legal solutions have reached maturity at a critical time. In the UK, proposed regulatory changes are driving many organisations to offer legal services directly to the public and business community.

### **About Clearlybusiness**

Set up in 2000, Clearlybusiness is a London-based innovation unit of Barclays. At our core is a focus on product innovation and distribution, proposition development and sales management.

We are listed in the Deloitte Fast 500™ ranking of the fastest growing technology companies in Europe, the Middle East and Africa and have won multiple industry awards.

We specialise in developing and providing unique and market-leading business management solutions designed to ensure the growth, efficiency and success of businesses.