



## Press Release

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### DES Gains International Security Approval

Data Encryption Systems Limited (DES), the UK-based leader in software copyright protection, data encryption, secure messaging and data storage solutions, proudly announced today that it has been awarded the prestigious FIPS 140-2 (Federal Processing Standards Publication) Validation by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

This is a landmark achievement for DES following months of investment and development. This standard proves DESlock+ exceeds industry and regulatory requirements in the USA, a marker which is recognised and holds high esteem around the world. □□

FIPS 140-2 validation is required for any cryptographic product, which will be used in a US government agency for sensitive information. DES already has a wide spread user base and gaining this certification will enable it to penetrate a new and important sector. With this certificate DES can now promote its products into key Federal markets. □□

David Tomlinson, Managing Director for DES, comments: □□

*“This is a fantastic achievement for everyone at DES. Our simple and intuitive user experience is a great competitive advantage, having FIPS 140-2 allows us to bring the DESlock+ to a far wider audience. FIPS certification benefits everyone who uses DES adding status and confidence into their security systems knowing their data encryption system has been approved and authorised by an established and acclaimed global security benchmark.”*

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.

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## Notes to editors

### Shackleton Ventures

- Shackleton specialises in direct secondary venture and development capital investments – where Shackleton will buy a portfolio of existing investments, or an individual asset, from an investor that is seeking liquidity.
- Members of Shackleton's management team have over 50 years venture capital experience between them and over 80 years operational experience in senior roles in entrepreneurial businesses.
- The Shackleton Secondaries LP fund was formed in July 2006 and has 13 investments.
- The Shackleton Secondaries II LP fund was formed in November 2007 and has made 15 investments to date. The £25 million fund remains open to new investment opportunities.
- Shackleton's funds have acquired investments from 5 institutional vendors and from several private individuals.
- Both Shackleton Secondaries LP funds are managed by FSA-authorized Shackleton Finance Limited.
- For further information: [www.shackletonventures.com](http://www.shackletonventures.com)

### Client

- 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.
- For further information: [www.des.co.uk](http://www.des.co.uk)