

Sign On granted patent in the UK

Stock Exchange-listed company Sign On has received a positive decision from the UK patent office concerning FormPipe, a safe means of transmitting electronically signed documents via the Internet. Sign On's product FormPipe satisfies the requirements for a patent to be granted, namely novelty, inventive step and industrial application

Sign On now has patents in Sweden and the UK and hopes, as a result, to be able to obtain patent rights in most European countries. A patent application has been pending in the USA for almost three years.

"Being granted a patent in a major country such as the UK is important, particularly in negotiations with big international companies," says Sign On's MD Bosse Falgard.

Peter Kylin of Hynell Patenttjänst AB says, "As the patent agent handling the application, it is extremely gratifying that the UK has confirmed that the Swedish Patent Office's approval of the patent was not a matter of chance. We have also received positive indications from several other countries where a patent has been applied for. Pleasingly, Sign On seems to be on the way to obtaining strong, global patent protection for its FormPipe software."

FormPipe is a system which allows information from many Internet users to be sent, with an electronic signature, via the Internet to a receiving authority, municipality or major company. An electronically signed document now has the same legal status as a traditionally signed paper document.

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