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TO: ERG LIMITED

FAX NO: 08-9273-1208

FROM: AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE LIMITED - Company Announcements Office

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT AND RELEASE OF ANNOUNCEMENT

MESSAGE:

We confirm the receipt and release to the market of an announcement regarding:

\$20m Melbourne settlement payment due to ERG subsidiary

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DATE: 26/02/2003

TIME: 12:50:53

TO: ERG LIMITED

FAX NO: 08-9273-1208

FROM: AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE LIMITED - Company Announcements Office

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT AND RELEASE OF ANNOUNCEMENT

MESSAGE:

We confirm the receipt and release to the market of an announcement regarding:

Reaches agmt for Seattle Regional Fare Collection System

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## **ERG Reaches Agreement for Seattle Regional Fare Collection System**

Cardholders will have a variety of means to purchase and load value on their cards, including both agency and third party retail outlets (such as convenience stores), by mail or over the telephone, at ticket vending machines and through the Internet. The convenience of "Autopay" will also be provided, whereby cards can be automatically revalued through a pre-authorized charge to a credit card or bank account, without any need for the cardholder to visit a revalue location.

ERG will use its San Francisco smart card Service Bureau to provide all of the required services including card issuance, management, maintenance and the clearing and settling of transactions. As such, it ideally complements the San Francisco transit smart card project and will produce significant operating synergies across both locations.

Mr Nash added: "We expect to see strong financial benefits to ERG and our customers from the use of a single service bureau to service multiple cities. We are not aware of any of our competitors having the proven capability to offer this solution to their customers."

King County Executive, Ron Sims, said: "A regional 'seamless' fare system is a major step forward for users of mass transit. It will also give businesses, such as Boeing and Microsoft, which subsidise public transit for their employees, better information about their employee ridership. It provides accurate ridership data and makes the entire system more cost efficient."

"We're positioning ourselves to grow with this technology," added Rick Walsh, General Manager of King County Metro Transit. "Other service providers can join our system in the future. As the smart card becomes more widely used, it can also be expanded to allow cardholders to pay for other services, such as parking, sundries or other municipal services. Eventually, the microchip with the transit information could be made more customer friendly by imbedding it in watches, key chains or other easily carried items for the convenience of the user."

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

#### **ERG Group**

The ERG Group is a world leader in the development and supply of integrated fare management and software systems for the transit industry, and for its smart card systems and services. ERG has 16 offices across 12 countries and employs approximately 900 people. ERG's customer list includes automated fare collection projects in more than 200 cities. Throughout the world, the ERG Group has deployed systems that have issued more than 50 million smart cards. ERG is an Australian-based company, listed on the Australian Stock Exchange.



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FROM: AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE LIMITED - Company Announcements Office

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT AND RELEASE OF ANNOUNCEMENT

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Subsidiary signs cont for Sydney Integrated Ticketing System

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## **ERG Subsidiary Signs Contract for Sydney Integrated Ticketing System**

According to ERG's Asia Pacific Managing Director, Rob Noble, Sydney will join a growing list of major cities such as Gothenburg, Hong Kong, Las Vegas, Manchester, Rome, San Francisco, Singapore, Toronto and Washington DC that have chosen ERG's technology.

"This growing portfolio of reference sites is clear evidence that ERG's technology and delivery are considered at the forefront of the international market," Mr Noble said.

The smart card contract also includes a separate agreement which gives ERG's ITS the right to work with the Government to extend the use of the transit smart card to other applications potentially including vending, venue ticketing, parking, fast food outlets and tolling. This follows similar initiatives in Hong Kong and San Francisco, where customers appreciated the extra utility offered by the smart card for other similar transactions. Additional revenue generated from this agreement will be shared between ITS and the Government.

"There are significant opportunities for the use of smart cards beyond the immediate transit applications. In addition, we see scope to add the transit application to other smart cards Sydney commuters may use in the future," Mr Noble added.

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**THE HON CARL SCULLY MP**  
**Minister for Transport**  
**Minister for Roads**



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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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*Thursday 20 February 2003*

### ***SINGLE TICKET SYSTEM FOR SYDNEY***

The Minister for Transport, Mr Carl Scully, today announced a contract has been signed to develop a revolutionary single-ticket system for public transport in greater metropolitan Sydney.

The Government has entered into a \$320 million contract with Integrated Transit Solutions (ITS) to design and build and operate NSW's integrated smart card ticketing system.

The key phases of the project are:

- Comprehensive system design, development and testing starting now and expected to finish by the second half of 2004.
- Phased implementations across the public transport network expected from the second half of 2004.
- Expected to be fully operational by late 2006.

Mr Scully said integrated ticketing would be a significant undertaking, involving both government and private transport operators, providing benefits for public transport users.

"One-card integrated ticketing will make significant customer service improvements by making it easier, quicker and safer to access all forms of public transport.

"A key benefit of having just one ticket will be that instead of queuing up to pay the fare, the preferred fare can be automatically loaded on to your smart card when it is required.

"Additionally, the smart cards will be 'contactless', which means they do not need to be swiped through a machine.

"Instead, they only need to pass near a validator in the entry/exit area to ensure passengers can continue their journey with little interruption.

"The smart card will not need to be removed from a wallet or bag provided it is close to the validator. That means people won't have to rummage for tickets or change, just walk through which is an added time-saving and security benefit."

The one-ticket system will apply to all transport modes in the Sydney, Hunter and Murrumbidgee regions, reaching as far as Lithgow in the west and Goulburn in the south west.

It will enable travel on rail, light rail, monorail and private and public bus and ferry services.

"A single smart card will be an added incentive for people to leave their cars at home and take public transport.

"As smart card technology is now being used for a variety of purposes, it is even likely that in the future public transport tickets will be used for a range of retail transactions as well as e-tolling," Mr Scully said.

The Department of Transport NSW, in consultation with government and private transport operators, will oversee the development and implementation of the integrated ticketing system.

The \$320 million contract is for 10 years from the start of system operation and will give rights to ITS (a consortium led by Australian technology company ERG) to operate and maintain the system over that period.

The integrated ticketing system will relieve the State Rail Authority and the State Transit Authority from having to upgrade their own ticketing systems – a cost that is already factored into their capital investment plans.

The new system will also be cheaper to operate than existing systems.

The Government's costs will be met from savings integrated ticketing provides to government trains and buses, reduced fare evasion and from a recurrent allocation through the Department of Transport (DoT).

The recurrent allocation to the DoT for the next four years is \$25.9 million. This is contained in the existing recurrent allocations to the Department. Therefore it will have no impact on projected Budget surpluses.

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