



Payment Alliance International Acquires Business Intelligence Provider Confluent Technologies

Deal adds new Information Services to the payment firm's offerings.

Louisville, KY – March 24, 2006 – Payment Alliance International (PAI), an emerging leader in the payment sector, announced today that it has acquired Confluent Technologies. Confluent is a leading provider of Business Intelligence and Decision Making Services in the payments sector. This transaction will expand PAI's product offerings to include analytic solutions.

The acquisition of Confluent provides expanded offerings that PAI had not yet provided. Through its Business Intelligence and Decision Making solutions, Confluent complements PAI's growing operation. These value added solutions differentiate PAI from others in the payment sector.

"The acquisition of Confluent allows us to offer solutions that differentiate us from the rest of the payment sector," says John J. Leehy III, CEO of PAI. "They have provided an impressive range of products to NPC and EDR in the past, and we want to leverage that success for a broader impact."

"Our successes in both the payment and other sectors will benefit PAI in several ways," says Mike Hammer, Vice President of Technology at Confluent. "From payment to hospitality, we will expand PAI's influence and make them an even better business partner."

The merging of operations will begin immediately, and Confluent will retain its identity into the fourth quarter of 2006. Details of the acquisition were not released.

About PAI

Payment Alliance International (PAI) is an emerging leader in the payment sector offering credit card and check processing as well as other services like ATM and analysis products. Created by leading payment executives, PAI is poised to become one of the fastest growing companies in America. PAI is based in Louisville, Kentucky.

About Confluent

Confluent Technologies provides knowledge and decision making services that aggregate, manipulate and visualize data from multiple sources, across any platform. Leaders in business and education invest in Confluent services to gain a higher level of knowledge in order to surpass organizational goals. For more information, visit the company's Web site at www.ConfluentTECH.com or call (502) 515-4916. Confluent Technologies is based in Louisville, Kentucky.

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