

ECIS Statement on Commission Announcement 14 January 2007

Brussels – ECIS takes note of the European Commission announcement today opening two new investigations against Microsoft for abuse of its dominant position.

“It is a regrettable that despite the judgment of September 2007, Microsoft continues to use its desktop monopolies to restrict competition. That's what the ECIS and Opera complaints are about,” said Thomas Vinje, ECIS spokesman.

ECIS therefore welcomes the Commission’s announcement as a necessary step towards ensuring Microsoft’s compliance with competition rules in the areas mentioned in the ECIS complaint of February 2006 and the Opera complaint of December 2007. These include the refusal to disclose interoperability information for a range of products relating to the Office suite, email and collaboration software, and the .NET framework as well as Microsoft’s illegal tying of its Internet Explorer product to its Windows monopoly.

About ECIS

ECIS is an international non-profit association founded in 1989 that strives to promote market conditions in the ICT sector allowing vigorous competition on the merits and a diversity of consumer choice. ECIS has actively represented its members on many issues related to interoperability and competition before European, national and international bodies, including the EU institutions and WIPO. ECIS’ members include large and smaller information and communications technology hardware and software providers Adobe, Corel, IBM, Linspire, Nokia, Opera, Oracle, RealNetworks, Red Hat, and Sun Microsystems.

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