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Important:

Under strict embargo until Tuesday 20 October 2009 at 7 PM

The winner will not be notified until 7 p.m. at the event itself. We would therefore like to ask you to strictly respect the **embargo** until 7 p.m. We also request that you do not contact the winner or the other finalists before 7 p.m. this evening.

STUDIO 100 IS THE 15th 'ONDERNEMING VAN HET JAAR'
(ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR)

JUBILEE EDITION 'ONDERNEMING VAN HET JAAR'-AWARD
PRESENTED BY H.R.H. PRINCE FILIP

CLEAR2PAY IS THE WINNER OF 'DE PRIJS VAN DE VLAAMSE
REGERING VOOR DE BELOFTEVOLLE ONDERNEMING'

Brussels, 20 October 2009 – 7 PM Studio 100 was chosen 'Onderneming van het Jaar 2009'. Ernst & Young organised its jubilee edition of its 'Onderneming van het Jaar'-award this year, in partnership with De TIJD and BNP Paribas Fortis. Studio 100 beats the other finalists: Echo, Vaessen Industries and Vitamex. Gert Verhulst and Hans Bourlon were presented the award this evening by H.R.H. Prince Filip in the presence of the Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy. Flemish Minister-President Kris Peeters presented 'De Prijs van de Vlaamse Regering voor de Beloftevolle Onderneming' (Flemish Government Award for the Most Promising Company) to the financial technology company Clear2Pay.

Studio 100 is the 'Onderneming van het Jaar 2009'

Ernst & Young launched the 'Onderneming van het Jaar'-award in 1995 to reward successful Belgian companies for their excellent achievements. This year the 'Onderneming van het Jaar'-award will for the 15th time set companies in the limelight that stand out due to their growth, feeling for innovation, entrepreneurship, strategy, dedication and corporate governance.

“Despite the current difficult market conditions, we can also top this jubilee edition with a fantastic winner. For a few years Studio 100 has been an example of a growing Flemish company that can continue to confirm its success year on year through continuous innovation and exceptional creativity. We are excited by the judges’ choice, who had the difficult task of selecting 1 winner from the select group of companies, that have continued to perform well despite the circumstances. We are convinced that Studio 100 is a worthy winner of the ‘Onderneming van het Jaar 2009’, and that the company is a good illustration of the strong national and international influence of the award.” says Jo Sanders, a partner at Ernst & Young.

Studio 100 joins the list of impressive winner of recent years, namely Cartamundi (2008), Groep H. Essers (2007), Metris (2006), Option (2005), Deceuninck (2004), Miko (2003), Omega Pharma (2002), Resilux (2001), Melexis (2000), Sioen Industries (1999), Compex (1998), Icos Vision Systems (1997), ECA (1996) and Real Software (1995).

The chairman of the panel of judges Baron Paul Buysse speaking about Studio 100: *“Studio 100 has experienced a spectacular but enduring growth over the last decade. The company has a very high level of solvency and a distinct social involvement. It scored well in innovation and also implements an impressive diversification process, aimed at further internationalisation. All the facets of corporate governance are also present and the decision-making takes place within a group structure. Studio 100 is a model example for us of how a small company can grow strongly through consistent sustainable entrepreneurship to reach international tops.”*

Clear2Pay is the ‘most promising company of the year 2009’

The judges unanimously chose the financial technology company Clear2Pay for the ‘Prize of the Flemish Government for Most Promising Company 2009’. The prize for most promising company is celebrating its fifth anniversary edition. The award is always presented to a first generation company that is experiencing strong growth and clearly profiling itself in one of the following criteria: competitiveness, innovation, internationalisation, entrepreneurship, responsible management and vision. Clear2Pay joins the list of winners from previous years, namely Netlog (2008), Financial Architects (2007), Transics (2006) and Televic (2005).

The chairman of the Jury Geert Noels says about Clear2Pay: *“Clear2Pay impressed the judges with a very high score on the TI² (Technology, Innovation, International) scale. The strong technology, the innovative approach and the focus on an international growth from the beginning at the company in this globally operating sector allowed Clear2Pay to grow at a rapid tempo as a young company to a level that many more mature companies do not achieve. Furthermore the judges hold the opinion that the growth of Clear2Pay is far from complete, there is certainly more than enough room to grow in the coming years, even in these less favourable market conditions, which further increases the need for better and faster payment systems.”*

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Profile: 'Onderneming van het Jaar 2009': Studio 100

Thanks to Studio 100 characters like Mega Mindy, Samson en Gert, Kabouter Plop and K3 became true heroes for our children. This trendsetting organisation in the field of family entertainment has experience gradual growth in Belgium and the Netherlands since its establishment in 1996. TV-productions, shows, cinema films, and even its own theme parks have been realised at a high tempo. The synergy between this range of activities makes Studio 100 unique as a company. In 2008 the company was definitively put on the map beyond the language borders amongst others thanks to the acquisition of the German company EM Entertainment. With 770 members of staff Studio 100 realised a turnover of 150 million Euro over 2008.

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Profile: 'Most Promising Company of the Year 2009': Clear2Pay

Clear2Pay is an innovative financial technology company focused on delivering globally applicable solutions for secure, timely electronic payments. Headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, the company facilitates banks and financial organisations in their provision of payments services. Clear2Pay's technology helps to reduce transactions processing costs, and to deliver new, compelling payment services in a competitive way. Clear2Pay's payment solutions offer organisations easy, branded ways for their customers to pay online: from complex trade-supporting business-to-business environments, through e-commerce applications, to retail payments and remittance services. Functions embrace payments origination, reporting, linkage with backoffice processing systems, clearing, netting and settlement. Clients include global and major regional financial institutions such as ING, Banco Santander, Crédit Agricole, VISA, MasterCard, ABN AMRO, Nordea, Abbey National, Fortis Bank, ANZ and Commonwealth Bank. Clear2Pay operates out of Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom, United States, Australia, China, Malaysia and Singapore and currently employs over 450 staff.

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