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Internet Business News

**January** 23, 2017 Monday

**RhythmOne Closes Acquisition of Canadian Mobile Rewards Platform Perk**

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23 January 2017 - Canada-based **mobile** **rewards** platform **provider** Perk Inc. (TSX: PER) has closed a plan of arrangement with US-based Internet media company RhythmOne plc (LSE AIM: RTHM) agreed last December, the company said.

On 5 December 2016, Perk agreed that RhythmOne plc (LSE: RTHM) would acquire all of the issued and outstanding common and class A restricted voting shares of Perk through an all-stock transaction valued at approximately USD 42.5m.

Perk's Rewarded Engagement Platform brings together the interests of advertisers and consumers.

Founded in 2004, RhythmOne is a technology-enabled digital media company that connects online audiences with brands through premium content across devices.

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Founded in 2004, RhythmOne pioneered Internet video search and works with digital advertisers, publishers and content providers to offer fully integrated, cross-screen solutions that span desktop and mobile video, rich media, display, social and native advertising, and content formats.

RhythmOne is headquartered in San Francisco, California with offices in the US, UK and Canada.

Beacon Securities is acting as exclusive financial advisor to Perk and has provided an opinion to Perk's board of directors.

Torys LLP is acting as legal counsel for Perk in connection with the transaction.

Cormark Securities Inc. is acting as financial advisor to RhythmOne and DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is acting as legal counsel to RhythmOne in connection with the transaction.

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**Central Register of Invoices Still To Come**

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Deputy Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki announced that the Ministry of **Finance** is not withdrawing from the plan to establish the central register of invoices. At the same time, however, it will be considering the implementation of the so called split **payment** mechanism. Both measures are intended to prevent VAT **fraud.** At the beginning of January, Mateusz Morawiecki assessed the value of VAT gap at PLN40-60bn. Responding to a question asked by the Polish Press Agency, the Minister asserted that there are no plans to reduce the significance of the Central Register of Invoices. The application of the Standard Audit File-Tax will be extended, which will allow the Ministry of **Finance** to analyse the mechanisms which lead to the loss of tax revenue. The split **payment** mechanism would result **in the payment** of VAT to a dedicated account rather than to the seller. The implementation of the measure will depend on talks to be held with the European Commission.

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**SAVE ON INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY PAYMENTS;**

**If you send money overseas, you could save by using a currency expert as an alternative to your bank**

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**LENGTH:** 822 words

INTERNATIONAL money transfers are now frequently conducted by millions of people around the world for a variety of reasons - from buying and selling international property to sending money to family and friends overseas.

Whether you live abroad yourself, you're planning to emigrate or you have family and friends residing **in** another country, you will need to exchange one currency for another and transfer it into an overseas bank account **in** order to fulfil your international money transfer requirements. While banks are an obvious choice to **service** various core financial requirements - loans, mortgages, insurance, current account banking etc. - don't assume they will be best placed to **offer** the most competitive exchange rates, low transfer fees or expert market guidance when sending money overseas. **In** fact, given the diverse nature of the products and **services they offer,** banks don't necessarily specialise **in** conducting international money transfers. Using a foreign exchange specialist can provide you with a number of advantages over reverting to your bank. To facilitate our readers' access to this convenient and cost-effective alternative, City A.M. has partnered with exchange experts moneycorp, to create City A.M. International **Payments.**

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**Africa;**

**Microsoft and Ecobank Agree to Drive Digital Transformation in Africa**

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Microsoft, the leading platform and productivity company for the **mobile**-first, cloud-first world and Ecobank Transnational Incorporated, parent company of pan-African banking group Ecobank today signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to complement African governments' efforts to modernise and raise the standards of the continent's major cities through state of the art **digital solutions.**

The MOU will see the modernisation of sectors that will have the most immediate and significant impact for African countries. These sectors will include bursary disbursements and school fee collections in the education sector; market shop and small vendor municipality collections, vehicle and driving licensing as well as eVisa and ePassport fee collections. The agreement also supports the implementation of a comprehensive e-skills and a digital literacy programme. Other key areas such as land registration and fee collections in the municipal and hospital services are all expected to see some tremendous modernisation.

The collaboration ensued from increasing pressure on African cities due to urbanisation and the need to provide services that will ensure a healthier and safer environment, delivered in a fair, open and sustainable manner.

"At Microsoft, our aim is to help societies digitally transform, from the single consumer to entire government departments," said Amr Kamel, General Manager, Microsoft. "Any nation properly supported by technology can transform into an intelligent ecosystem, capable of engaging with its citizens, empowering employees and optimizing operations to vastly improve lives."

As a means of ensuring the effective modernisation of key areas in government, Microsoft and Ecobank will collaborate in sharing best practice and technical guidance to government workers or citizens who will be using the applications regularly.

Ecobank Group CEO Ade Ayeyemi said: "Microsoft is a globally recognised brand. We are delighted to partner with Microsoft to move faster on our digital transformation strategy- the main focus of which is to increase financial inclusion in Africa."

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**Banks in talks over free-to-use cash machines**

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**LENGTH:** 386 words

A row between British banks over free-to-use **cash** machines could drag on for months, with MPs set to intervene if lenders start charging customers to withdraw money.

The 39 members of the Link network are locked in talks over how to fund the tens of thousands of ATMs, which cost £900 million a year to run.

It is feared that customers could be charged to withdraw cash if Link members reject the current system of sharing the cost of operating the network.

Link members - including major high street banks - are due to meet on Thursday, but the organisation has ruled out a quick solution and expects talks to spill over into March.

"Link's commercial model is under review," a Link spokesman said.

"The contractual discussions are complex by nature, with many interested parties, and while they are unlikely to be resolved in the coming days, Link will be working hard to resolve this in the next couple of months."

More than 70,000 cash machines are connected to the Link network, with 16,000 charging for withdrawals and 54,000 operating as free to use.

The average cost of a pay-to-use cashpoint is £1.70, but around 220 ATMs charge more than £2 for services.

It has been reported that a quarter of cash machines could charge customers as much as £2.50 to withdraw their money if the current system is rejected.

Andrew Tyrie, chairman of the Treasury Select Committee, told The Times that it would have a "considerable" impact on customers, especially poorer ones, if banks start charging for cash withdrawals.

"Were widespread charging to return, the Treasury committee would almost certainly want to investigate.

"The public detriment - especially for the least well-off - could be considerable."

MPs are also concerned about the rising number of bank branch closures in the UK, which have left some communities with little or no over-the-counter services.

Unite the union revealed on Wednesday that Clydesdale and Yorkshire Bank will close 79 branches with the loss of more than 400 jobs.

Britain's banking giants have been cutting costs by shutting branches or selling non-core operations after seeing their profit margins eroded by ultra-low interest rates.

A spokesman for Link added: "If any changes occur as a result of these discussions they would not happen overnight and we will make sure customers are kept informed."

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