

ESPION International, Inc. (EPLJ.PK)

## Press Release

### ESPION International, Inc. Shows Strong 2005 Sales Growth

**Costa Mesa, CA. October 26, 2005: (BUSINESS WIRE)** – Email Gateway Security maker ESPION International, Inc. (Pink Sheets:EPLJ) announces that based upon first half 2005 sales figures it has achieved a 35% growth in sales in terms of second quarter earnings over first quarter earnings for fiscal year 2005. Sales of the company's flagship product the ESPION Interceptor continued to grow into the third quarter, while sales and interest in it's newly introduced [MX] Lock product for secure email encryption have already eclipsed initial sales expectations since its initial launch August 18th.

“The Interceptor product continues to be an efficient cost effective solution for email security both in terms of actual Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) and Return On Investment (ROI) providing continued savings to an IT department through reduced time and administrative effort due to ESPION's use of it's proprietary Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology. ESPION is confident with the addition of it's [MX] Lock for secure email encryption module, specifically designed to aid organizations in addressing complex compliance issues raised by HIPAA, second half 2005 sales figures will continue to grow exponentially”, commented Ron Kaufman, ESPION’s Chief Operating Officer.

“The product is currently deployed throughout every horizontal and vertical market including client representatives in leading corporations, academic institutions, government organizations and health care facilities across multiple countries, thus showing the successful integration of our AI technology and use of ESPION’s proprietary Probabilistic Reasoning engine (EPR). Thus making it one of the most efficient and cost effective solutions on the market.” says Kaufman.

*ESPION International, Inc. a Costa Mesa, CA. based company is the foremost in development and deployment of Artificial Intelligence based solutions for email gateway and network security. The current ESPION product range offers appliances for email gateway security, anti-spam and secure email.*

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