



## New Chairman RealDolmen

RealDolmen, the independent single source ICT solutions provider and knowledge company, announces today that Michel Akkermans accepted to become independent director of RealDolmen and has been elected as new Chairman in succession of Ashley W. Abdo of The Gores Group.

Michel Akkermans currently is CEO and Chairman of Clear2Pay, an innovative e-finance company focused on delivering globally applicable solutions for secure, timely electronic payments. A proven pioneer in the world of e-finance, in 1989 Michel founded FICS, a leading software provider in the field of online banking and regulatory financial reporting. In 1999 FICS, together with Edify and Vertical One, merged with Security First Technologies, creating the market leader in Internet banking - S1 Corporation (Nasdaq: SONE), with Michel as its Chairman. In addition to his chief executive role at Clear2Pay, Michel holds board positions at a number of companies, including the listed "privak" Quest for Growth, a Belgium private equity investment fund, Approach, an ICT services provider, Enqio, a data mining solutions company, and at Agfa-Gevaert Group. He was also a former director of Euronext listed Gemplus (now Gemalto), Capco and US based Proficient. Michel also serves as an advisor to venture capital and private equity companies like GIMV ICT, Big Bang Ventures and Hummingbird. He holds a M.Sc. in electronic engineering and computer sciences and a degree in economics & finance from the University of Leuven (Belgium).

Bruno Segers, Chief Executive Officer of RealDolmen, commented:

*"RealDolmen is proud to get Michel on the Board. Through his professional experience and board mandates, he has developed an extensive experience around ICT, software and IT services. He is a successful entrepreneur, while also having corporate experience. Last but not least, he is a one of that rare breed of Belgian entrepreneurs of a new generation who have proven their value both on the local and the international level. We are confident that he can help us achieving our ambition of becoming the local reference as single source ICT provider to large local companies and the public sector in Benelux and France."*

Michel Akkermans, new Chairman of RealDolmen, declared:

*"I am excited by the opportunity to help leading RealDolmen in the next stages of its ambitious strategy. The company's reference shareholders, past and present, have always shared a long term vision. While I see still challenges ahead, I feel comfortable that, in close collaboration with the Board and the current management we will move RealDolmen to its next level of maturity and success."*

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**About RealDolmen**

RealDolmen is an independent single source ICT solutions provider and knowledge company with almost 1,600 highly skilled IT professionals and more than 1,000 customers in the Benelux and France. The company offers innovative, effective and reliable ICT solutions and professional services designed to help its clients achieve their objectives by optimizing their business processes.

