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**EZCheck Continues Partnership with ECHO**  
*Long-Term Processing Agreement for Automated Clearing House  
and Authorization Processing Services Extended*

**HOUSTON, (April 13, 2006)** – EZCheck® Check Services, Inc., a leading check conversion and authorization company, announced today that it has signed a three-year agreement extending its long-standing partnership with Electronic Clearing House, Inc. (Nasdaq: *ECHO*), a leading provider of electronic payment and transaction processing services. Under this new agreement EZCheck will continue to use *ECHO*'s Automated Clearing House (ACH) and authorization processing services to augment its check processing and check conversion infrastructure.

In addition, through *ECHO*'s network of subsidiaries and databases, EZCheck will access additional resources that aid in negative data acquisition and risk management integration. These resources, along with the robust ACH and transaction processing services supplied by *ECHO*, enable EZCheck to provide a suite of quality products and services to their merchant customers.

"EZCheck has enjoyed a long-term relationship with *ECHO*, having partnered with them in some capacity since 1999," said Randy Rutledge, president and chief executive officer, EZCheck Check Services. "*ECHO*'s ACH processing services have proven to be exceptionally reliable and this partnership gives EZCheck a strategic and technological advantage in the market."

"We are very pleased to be continuing our partnership with EZCheck, an organization that truly leads the market in providing check services to their clients," said Charles Harris, President and COO, Electronic Clearing House, Inc. "*ECHO* is pleased to be the processor of choice for a company of this caliber, and going forward, we believe our relationship with EZCheck will result in a greatly expanded means for our services to meet the market's needs. The fact that EZCheck has chosen to continue this partnership is confirmation that our services and expertise support the reseller's needs as well as those of merchant end-users. Ultimately, our mutual goal is to ensure that retailers enjoy tremendous savings due to reduced fraud, elimination of paper processing and minimal check returns."

"We believe no other processor can provide the same range of payment services, not only in ACH and paper check services, but also in our credit card and debit card processing product line," Harris added.

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### **About EZCheck**

EZCheck is a leading information and payment services company serving thousands of businesses nationwide in a wide variety of industries. As one of the initial pioneers in electronic check conversion at the retail point-of-sale, EZCheck has leveraged its advanced technology and systems to expand its product line into adjacent markets including accounts receivable conversion and recurring payments services. In addition, EZCheck provides a complete line of check guarantee, check verification and collection services to the retail community and is ranked among the top providers of check services in the country. EZCheck is dedicated to providing unsurpassed value and service to its customers. The company markets through a national network of independent sales organizations and supports operations from its headquarters in Houston, TX. For more information, please visit EZCheck's web site at [www.ezchk.com](http://www.ezchk.com).

### **About ECHO**

Electronic Clearing House, Inc. ([www.echo-inc.com](http://www.echo-inc.com)) is one of the leading electronic payment processors in the nation, providing debit and credit card processing, check guarantee, check verification, check conversion, check re-presentation, and check collection. Partnering with banks, collection agencies and other trusted partners, we extend the reach of our payment processing market in merchant locations in all 50 states, encompassing retail and service businesses, Internet businesses, mail order and telephone order, non-profit organizations, and more. Headquartered in Camarillo, CA, *ECHO* processes an average of 3 million Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions per month.

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