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100 working days to HIPs

Dorking, Surrey – 9th January 2007 - The Partnership Ltd, the leading Home Information Pack provider for the prestige property market, is pleased to announce there are exactly 100 working days to go before HIPs become mandatory on 1st June.

The new year has brought a major change in attitudes amongst estate agents, and an acceptance that the introduction of HIPs is looking more certain than at any stage to date. Although agents have reservations about their impact, both HIP providers and component suppliers are now reporting a significant increase in interest and activity.

With the final draft of the regulations due in the Spring, for some agents, the planning process started during Christmas and The Partnership has received a significant increase in enquiries for meetings to discuss HIPs.

Says **Peter Ambrose**, director of **The Partnership**; *“Having spent several years working closely with estate agents, home inspectors and solicitors planning for the introduction, we are pleased to have reached this milestone. We have definitely seen a recent change in attitude amongst our clients and the press, which in the past had been extremely dismissive and hopeful that the entire issue would somehow disappear. While we fully appreciate that many agents are concerned about HIPs, we are seeing a more pragmatic approach to them, and an acceptance that they need to start planning for their introduction sooner rather than later”.*

“We are working today with a number of major estate agents who are starting their own trials of HIPs over the next few weeks, and are taking the matter extremely seriously. This enables us, our suppliers and our clients to prepare adequately and ensure we all have the correct procedures in place for a successful implementation.”

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