



Press release

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Evernex expands UK IT infrastructure capabilities with acquisition of Empowered and OrderWork

3i Group plc (“3i”) announces that Evernex, a global leader in data centre maintenance (“DCM”) services, has acquired Empowered and OrderWork, two sister companies based in the UK and providing large-scale IT infrastructure deployment services.

The group is a leading UK IT channel services provider, enabling IT partners including systems integrators and Telco/MSPs to deliver complex projects, professional services, and managed support services, such as data centre migrations, network modernisation, Wi-Fi and LAN refreshes or SD-WAN rollouts. The business also operates the OrderWork platform, a proprietary field service management platform which orchestrates delivery of professional services projects.

The acquisition is the tenth since 3i’s investment in Evernex in October 2019. It strengthens Evernex’s position across the IT infrastructure lifecycle, adding upstream deployment capabilities across new infrastructure rollouts to Evernex’s expertise in DCM and end-of-life services. The transaction also enhances Evernex’s scale and presence in the UK market.

Stanislas Pilot, CEO, Evernex, said: “Empowered and OrderWork are an excellent fit for Evernex. It strengthens our presence in the UK, deepens our professional services and deployment capabilities, and brings a proven service-delivery platform to the group - extending the value we can offer customers across the IT infrastructure lifecycle. Darren, James and their teams have built something exceptional in the UK, and we are delighted to welcome them to Evernex.”

Darren Liles and James Anderton, Co-CEOs, Empowered and OrderWork, said: “We are incredibly excited to bring Empowered and OrderWork into Evernex. This marks a significant step in our journey, combining our deep expertise in complex deployment and agile service delivery with Evernex’s global reach. Together, we can scale faster, broaden our capabilities, and deliver even greater value to partners across the full IT lifecycle.”

Marc Ohayon, Partner and Co-Head of France Private Equity, 3i, said: “Empowered is a highly complementary acquisition for Evernex. It adds expertise in large-scale infrastructure deployment and strengthens Evernex’s positioning across the IT lifecycle value chain. The acquisition is another important step in Evernex’s strategy of building a global, integrated IT lifecycle services platform.”

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About 3i Group

3i is a leading international investment manager focused on mid-market Private Equity and Infrastructure. Its core investment markets are northern Europe and North America.

For further information, please visit: www.3i.com

About Evernex

Evernex is a global leader in third-party maintenance (“TPM”) and IT lifecycle services, specialising in the support of enterprise data centre infrastructure. The company helps organisations extend the lifespan of IT hardware, minimise system failures, and maintain critical equipment beyond original manufacturer support. With operations in 165+ countries, Evernex supports more than 692,000 IT systems worldwide and maintains nearly one million spare parts across 340+ locations, backed by 24/7 technical support, multi-vendor expertise and a single-point-of-contact operating model.

For further information, please visit: www.evernex.com

About Empowered

Founded in 2006 and headquartered in Bedfordshire, UK, Empowered delivers large-scale IT infrastructure deployment projects on behalf of telecom operators and IT integrators. It specialises in coordinating and executing complex multi-site programmes such as data centre migrations, network modernisation, national Wi-Fi / LAN refreshes and SD-WAN rollouts.

For further information, please visit: www.empowereduk.com

About OrderWork

Founded in 2005 and headquartered in Bedfordshire, UK, OrderWork is a digital platform enabling scalable field service delivery. It is used to orchestrate end-to-end delivery of Professional Services projects and replaces manual service desk coordination.

For further information, please visit: www.orderwork.co.uk

Regulatory information

This transaction involved a recommendation of 3i Investments plc, advised by 3i France.