

equensWorldline will process de Volksbank's instant payments

Utrecht, 20th March 2018 - De Volksbank has chosen equensWorldline SE, a subsidiary of Worldline [Euronext: WLN], the European leader in the payments and transactional services industry, to process its instant payments transactions. De Volksbank is the fourth largest bank in the Netherlands, and will be one of the first Dutch banks to offer instant payments to its clients which are supported by the Instant Payments Back-Office Processing service of equensWorldline. The contract will initially be for five years.

De Volksbank is a Dutch holding which has four distinctively positioned customer-oriented bank brands: ASN Bank, BLG Wonen, RegioBank and SNS. The bank <u>announced</u> last December that equensWorldline had been selected as their instant payments Clearing & Settlement Mechanism partner. De Volksbank has now additionally chosen the Instant Payments Back-Office Processing service from equensWorldline.

De Volksbank will use a software version (software-as-a-service [SaaS] model) for their instant payments service. The instant payments service is part of the extensive and modular Back-Office Processing product portfolio of equensWorldline, which also handles other payment types such as SEPA, high-value and multi-currency payments. This modular EPC and PSD2 compliant portfolio can be used by any bank, large or small.

"With the rapidly changing customer demands and an accelerating digitalization of the payments arena, going along with the development into a global end-to-end real-time and technically standardized payments world, banks are now seriously investigating the introduction of a new business and operational model for their payments processing business", explains Michael Steinbach, CEO of equensWorldline SE. "Because of the massive investment needs for establishing an end-to-end real-time infrastructure, sourcing models for payments processing become a viable solution for banks of all size, lowering costs, reducing complexity and freeing up resources. We are very proud that de Volksbank chose equensWorldline to be their preferred provider for processing instant payments transactions on a five-year contract basis."

"We selected the Instant Payments Back-Office Processing service, because equensWorldline offers outstanding value for money, a fast time to market and has a track record in offering demanding and critical services", added Terry Smit, Manager Payments & Savings at de Volksbank. "Next to the simple and transparent price structure, we value the modular and future-proof concept of services. With this flexibility we can focus on items where we really can make a difference to our clients."

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About equensWordline

equensWorldline is the pan-European leader in payments and transactional services. Being part of the Worldline Group, equensWorldline combines long-standing proven expertise in traditional mass payment systems (issuing, acquiring, intra- and interbank payment processing) and innovative e-commerce and mobile payment solutions. Building on more than 50 years of experience equensWorldline services a broad, international client base in numerous countries across Europe. Clients rely on equensWorldline's expertise to anticipate European regulatory changes, benefit from transformative technologies, optimize processes, ensure operational excellence and manage risk and fraud. The company's unparalleled footprint makes equensWorldline a cost-efficient and competitive business partner for seamless, secure and efficient payment solutions. <u>www.equensworldline.com</u>

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