

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE OBTAINS IMPORTANT CRYPTOGRAPHIC PATENT FOR STAMPS.COM

LOS ANGELES – February 12, 2009 – [Christie, Parker & Hale LLP](#), one of Southern California's leading intellectual property law firms, announced today that the firm was instrumental in a major patent issuance for its client [Stamps.com](#)® Inc. (NasdaqGS: STMP), the intelligent alternative to a [postage meter](#), of Los Angeles, California.

The patent, U.S. Pat. No. 7,490,064, pertains to a secure system for processing value-bearing items, such as postage, tickets, checks, coupons and other transaction currency.

"We are pleased to have played a significant role in the issuance of this patent for our client," commented **Raymond R. Tabandeh**, the CPH partner who successfully appealed the case to Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. "The upsurge in use of the Internet for e-commerce and financial transactions has resulted in emergence of many Internet security problems. Protecting confidentiality and integrity of online information and ensuring availability of online data have created many challenges for consumers, companies and the government. For example, there are over 10 million identity theft victims in the U.S., a large number of whom had their identity and confidential information stolen over the Internet."

"Stamps.com's customers use our software to print postage hundreds of millions of times every year," stated Stamps.com CEO, **Ken McBride**. "The patent covers core technology we use to make sure the postage prints are secure for our customers and the United States Postal Service."

"This patent provides protection for [Stamps.com](#)® Inc.'s unique technology for guarding against unauthorized accessing of confidential information, harm to data integrity, and loss of data availability," concluded Tabandeh.

About Christie, Parker & Hale

Christie, Parker & Hale is a leading intellectual property law firm operating at the crossroads of science, technology and the law. Engaged exclusively in all aspects of intellectual property law, most of the firm's attorneys hold degrees in engineering or the sciences, bringing added value and perspective to client service. Drawing on a 54-year heritage, the firm continues to propel innovation and stimulate business growth by protecting its clients' most valuable assets – intellectual property. We can best serve our clients by developing long-term partnerships. Some of our most successful clients first came to us while still experimenting in their garages. Working hand-in-hand with them - we have obtained their first patent, guided them through their initial developments and watched them achieve market leadership.

About Stamps.com

[Stamps.com](#) (NasdaqGS: STMP) is a leading provider of Internet-based postage services. Stamps.com's online postage enables small businesses, enterprises, and

consumers to print U.S. Postal Service-approved postage with just a PC, printer and Internet connection, right from their home or office. The Company targets its services to small businesses and home offices, and currently has PC Postage partnerships with Microsoft, Avery, HP, NCR, Office Depot, the U.S. Postal Service and others.

[PhotoStamps](#) is a patented Stamps.com product that couples the technology of PC Postage with the simplicity of a web-based image upload and order process. PhotoStamps is currently available under authorization of the U.S. Postal Service for its fourth phase market test with an authorization through May 16, 2009. Customers may create full custom PhotoStamps with their own digital photograph, or they may choose a licensed image from one of many PhotoStamps collections such as the [NFL](#)® or [College](#) collections. Since launching PhotoStamps in May 2005, more than 60 million individual PhotoStamps have been shipped to customers. Stamps.com currently has PhotoStamps partnerships with Apple, Google/Picassa, HP/Snapfish, Adobe, and others.

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