



Trade Collaboration Engine and Reliant Defense, Inc. Announce Merger of Operations

Combined company will bring key trade compliance experience together with automation and IT solutions to provide innovation to exporters in the U.S. and abroad

news release
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Fort Wayne, IN and Hodges, SC – November 1, 2017 – Trade Collaboration Engine (Reliant Defense Technologies LLC – “TC Engine”) and Reliant Defense, Inc. (“Reliant”), leading providers of traditional and automated trade compliance services and solutions announced today the merger of the operation of the two companies creating a leading provider of services, frameworks and software for trade compliance with the International Traffic in Arms Regulations and the Export Administration Regulations.

The company will be privately held and operate under the Trade Collaboration Engine (“TC Engine”) brand. TC Engine’s three founders will service as the company’s executives. Matthew Henson has been named as CEO, Brian Turner will serve as COO and Cole Blumer will be the CMO. The headquarters for the combined company will be in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

"We are excited to bring cutting edge tools, export compliance in IT and best-in-class software solutions to the clients we have serviced over the past twelve years", said Cole Blumer, President and CEO of Reliant. "Having served as one of the founding partners of TC Engine, I have seen firsthand the how the company’s compliance IP is superior what is being used elsewhere in the industry today. This is the future of trade compliance!"

"We are thrilled to merge the two companies", said Matthew Henson, co-founder and CEO of TC Engine. "This is an incredible opportunity bring in Reliant's experience and contacts from the trade compliance industry." "We are bullish on our combined ability to modernized and automate much of the way industry approaches trade compliance today," Henson said. "In today’s world, business is conducted in a globally networked marketplace, added Brian Turner, co-founder and EOO of TC Engine. "This requires that companies implement compliance programs that address the risks accordingly. TC Engine’s mission and commitment to the Trade Compliance industry is to provide a new mindset and framework on how to implement policies, processes, procedures, and tools that enable compliant business transactions. We are excited as this merger combines skillsets that are necessary to achieve this mission."

About Reliant

Reliant Defense, Inc. is recognized as one of the leading providers of export compliance services. Reliant supports companies that are new to export compliance laws and regulations as well as major defense contractors that require a high level of expertise and experience. Reliant’s associates are all practitioners of trade compliance and offer audits and assessments, licensing support and specialized training.

About TC Engine

Trade Collaboration Engine Trade Compliance Engine (TC Engine) has a variety of Trade Automation Solutions that provide companies with centralized, standardized, automated and integrated capabilities. The company specializes in export compliance automation and helping companies identify and understand their automation capabilities and gaps, define requirements, design custom solutions, select COTS solutions and implement automated capabilities using a proprietary compliance framework.

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