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## EROAD WELCOMES RUC REFORMS

EROAD supports the Government's latest moves to simplify and modernise the road user charges (RUC) system, saying proposed changes mean that it makes more financial sense than ever for truckies to switch to electronic RUC. The proposed changes will:

- modernise and simplify the RUC system through a new approach to calculating RUC licence weights and discontinuing time licences
- reduce evasion which will give the system greater integrity
- provide for an improved regulatory framework to enable the adoption of modern technology
- provide for a fairer and simpler structure in relation to offences and penalties.

"Any initiative to make the system simpler and to encourage the take up of new technology and electronic RUC is welcome," says CEO Steven Newman.

"The manual and paper-based RUC system is well founded but characterised by significant compliance costs and high levels of evasion," he says.

Mr Newman says that it now makes more sense than ever for truck fleets to switch from mechanical to electronic hubodometers, and to manage their RUC electronically. In addition managing changes and adjustments to the system now and in the future is a lot easier using the EROAD electronic RUC system," says Mr Newman.

EROAD became the world's first fully wireless eRUC provider when it launched its innovative online RUC service in September 2009. In February 2010 the Government approved EROAD's eHubo and tHubo devices as the first official electronic distance recorders, meaning that EROAD customers no longer have to fit mechanical hubodometers to their trucks and trailers. The eHubo and tHubo approvals also enable the use of electronic RUC Licences, removing the need to display paper RUC licences.

Designed and manufactured in New Zealand, the EROAD eRUC Management System has been specifically designed to increase the efficiency of the RUC system, enabling savings for both transport operators and the government, and wider productivity gains for New Zealand.

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