Four Providers of Canadian Insurance Admin Automation Solutions Named as IDC Innovators

TORONTO, ON., August 26, 2019 — International Data Corporation (IDC) Canada today published an IDC Innovators report profiling four companies that offer compelling and differentiated insurance admin automation solutions. The four companies named as IDC Innovators are Baseline Telematics, ClientDesk, Encircle and IMETRIK.

The four insurtechs identified in this document are focused on increasing the efficiency of insurance administrative processes and facilitating the introduction of new solutions across the P&C industry. The industry is striving to move away from processes that require extensive manual intervention and traditional solutions to innovative digital solutions that have the potential to transform it. These include offering usage-based insurance, automating claims management processes and client interface enhancements. The challenges that the insurtech companies face in having their solutions adopted is the cautious way changes are made in the Canadian insurance industry, the large number of small brokerage companies and the tendency of clients to prefer personalize services over do it yourself solutions. This need for hand holding has been exacerbated by the complexity built into many of the insurance solutions and processes.

"The future potential of the companies reviewed in this document will be dependent on the ability of the insurance industry to have policy holders accept self-serve processes" says Robert Smythe, research associate IDC Financial Insights, "this will require determining how to make self-serve processes the clients' preferred interface just as the banks have managed to achieve."

- Baseline Telematics provides mobile-first solutions that enable insurance companies to embrace insurtech opportunities and introduce new technology-based processes and solutions.
- ClientDesk is a white-labelled consumer facing platform that helps agencies and insurers digitize clients’ experience and internal operations using web and mobile technologies.
- Encircle connects all parties involved in the property and casualty (P&C) insurance claims process, including policyholders, insurance companies, and restoration contractors, on one easy-to-use platform.
- IMETRIK is a global provider of GPS-based wireless solutions specializing in automotive finance, insurance and fleet management solutions.
The report, *IDC Innovators: Canadian Insurance Admin Automation, 2019* (IDC#CA45343819) profiles four emerging vendors with compelling and differentiated insurance admin automation solutions in the Canadian market. The document was published to the *IDC Financial Insights: Canadian Financial Industry Strategies* program. Please contact askIDC@idccanada.com if you wish to speak to the authors of the report or learn more about the document.

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