

## **Black Knight Acquires Ernst Publishing Co., Creating a Unified Source for Near Real-Time Closing Cost Data Via Black Knight’s Integrated Origination Solutions Suite**

- Ernst is a leading provider of transfer taxes, and recording, title premium, endorsement and settlement fees, and provides access to property tax and inspection fees
- The Ernst solution will be tightly integrated into Black Knight’s Origination Solutions suite, giving lenders a unified access point for loan estimate and closing disclosure fees, rate and tax data
- Capabilities will continue to be available to existing Ernst clients that do not currently use Black Knight’s Empower loan origination system
- Black Knight is now the only company providing this breadth and depth of combined capabilities for loan origination, fee, eClosing and regulatory compliance

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Nov. 6, 2018 – Today, [Black Knight, Inc.](#) (NYSE:BKI) announced that it has acquired Ernst Publishing Co., a leading provider of technology and closing cost data for the real estate and home finance industries. Black Knight plans to more tightly integrate the Ernst capabilities into its premier suite of origination solutions, while also making the technology and data available to companies who do not currently use the Black Knight Empower loan origination system (LOS), including Ernst’s current industry partners and clients.

Black Knight will augment its existing fee engine with Ernst’s capabilities, including recording fees, transfer taxes, inspection fees, property taxes and title premium fees to create a unified access point for all fee-related needs. This comprehensive fee suite will integrate with Black Knight’s Origination Solutions suite, which includes loan origination software, regulatory compliance and eClosing capabilities, enhanced by artificial intelligence technology.

“Without a doubt, Ernst is the leading provider of fee and tax data in the industry,” said Rich Gagliano, president of Black Knight’s Origination Technologies division. “By tightly integrating this technology and data into our origination product suite, we are able to better serve our existing clients. This is another step forward in our mission to provide a truly end-to-end origination solution, which will be unparalleled in the industry.”

For more than 29 years, Ernst has been a leading provider of fee information to the mortgage industry, offering fee results for loan estimates and closing disclosures in near real-time through web, XML, mobile and custom fee engine technology.

“Ernst and Black Knight share very similar goals – to create innovative solutions that transform the industry, support regulatory and compliance requirements, and create a better borrower experience,” said Greg Teal, chief executive officer of Ernst. “As the leading provider of software, data and analytics to the mortgage industry, we are confident that Black Knight will take the capabilities Ernst is known for and elevate them to the next level to help advance the industry.”

### **About Black Knight**

Black Knight (NYSE:BKI) is a leading provider of integrated software, data and analytics solutions that facilitate and automate many of the business processes across the homeownership life cycle.

As a leading fintech, Black Knight is committed to being a premier business partner that clients rely on to achieve their strategic goals, realize greater success and better serve their customers by delivering best-in-class software, services and insights with a relentless commitment to excellence, innovation, integrity and leadership. For more information on Black Knight, please visit [www.blackknightinc.com](http://www.blackknightinc.com).

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