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More companies agree digital royalties deal

Two more companies operating in the UK digital music market have reached a settlement relating to the royalties paid to composers, songwriters and music publishers for the digital delivery of music for online and mobile use.

The three-year deal has been agreed between the MCPS-PRS Alliance representing composers, songwriters and music publishers; and two additional digital music service providers, MusicNet and Napster.

As with last week's settlement (between the MCPS-PRS Alliance and the British Phonographic Industry, iTunes, O2, Orange, T-Mobile and Vodafone), composers, songwriters and music publishers will receive 8% of Gross Revenue less VAT when their music is offered in the current music services of MusicNet and Napster. These rates are subject to minimum royalties.

The two music companies signing the deal today will withdraw their respective references to the Copyright Tribunal.

Again, all parties to the settlement welcome the agreement and are all committed to working together to drive the ongoing growth of the legitimate digital music market.

The Copyright Tribunal proceedings are scheduled to continue in mid-November in respect of issues which remain unresolved between the MCPS-PRS Alliance and four other parties as well as a single issue that remains outstanding for each of the mobile network operators and iTunes.

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The MCPS-PRS Alliance. MCPS and PRS are the UK collecting societies that ensure composers, songwriters and publishers are paid royalties when their music is used: from live performance to TV and radio, CDs to DVDs, downloads, streams and everything in between. Royalties create a future for music by supporting creators while they continue to write. MCPS and PRS are committed to delivering maximum royalties and world-class service. They work together in an operational alliance to get the best value for the music use of composers and songwriters everywhere. www.mcps-prs-alliance.co.uk

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