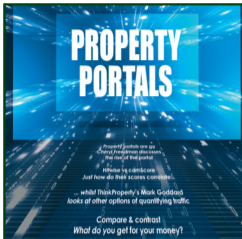


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## HIP Payment Services

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As some parts of the property industry remain buoyant, other areas as we all know are struggling. As such we were saddened to hear on 11 July that HIP Facilities Group and its subsidiary, HIP Payment Services Limited, will call a halt on new business as of 31 August 2008 before fully winding down.

We'd like to wish chief executive Jeff Smith – a frequent and entertaining contributor to *The Estate Agency Times* – all the best in his future endeavours. I'm sure we've not heard the last from him. Fingers crossed!

Comment from Jeff Smith on page 12