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REGO GUARDIAN Introduces the Global Solution the Internet Has Been Missing: A Child-Safety Infrastructure That Gives Parents Control, Children Anonymity—and AI the Guardrails We Need

As AI-related child-safety lawsuits mount and a major chatbot company enters bankruptcy, REGO introduces a privacy-first solution designed to verify parental authority, recognize evolving online threats, and enable intervention before harm escalates.

BLUE BELL, Pa. — October 15, 2026 — REGO Payment Architectures, Inc. (OTCQB: RPMT) today announced the introduction of **REGO Guardian's Global Solution**, a new digital trust and child-safety infrastructure designed to fundamentally change how children are protected across artificial intelligence, social media, gaming, messaging, and other online platforms.

For decades, families have been forced to make an impossible choice: allow their children to participate in the digital world without adequate protection or surrender increasingly sensitive personal information in exchange for the promise of safety.

REGO Guardian is designed to eliminate that tradeoff.

"Children are growing up in a digital world that is evolving faster than the safeguards designed to protect them," said **Dr. Lisa Strohman, JD, PhD**, clinical psychologist, attorney, former FBI Visiting Scholar focused on crimes against children, and Head of Product for REGO Guardian. "REGO Guardian changes the starting point. We can verify parental authority, recognize emerging threats, and provide meaningful safeguards while preserving children's privacy. We are putting parents back in control and giving AI the guardrails our children deserve."

"The global digital economy needs a foundation of trust that keeps pace with technological innovation," said **Peter Pelullo, Chief Executive Officer of REGO Payment Architectures**. "We believe REGO Guardian is the only foundation that provides one integrated solution designed to protect children, empower parents, and give technology companies the infrastructure they need to innovate responsibly."

By combining patented age-assurance technology, verified parental authority, portable digital permissions, and intelligent risk detection, REGO Guardian introduces a model that puts parents back in control while giving children something the digital world has steadily taken away: **their privacy.**

No facial recognition. No fingerprint scans. No child biometric enrollment. No requirement for children to upload government identification documents to participating platforms.

Just verified trust, meaningful protection, and parental authority.

A Turning Point for Technology—and the Families Paying the Price

The announcement comes during a profound reckoning for the technology industry.

In October 2026, Character.AI, a once-prominent AI companion platform, filed for Chapter 11. The company had faced lawsuits from families alleging that interactions with AI chatbots contributed to devastating psychological harm and the deaths of children. Character.AI's bankruptcy illustrates a growing reality for the digital economy: child safety is no longer solely a question of corporate responsibility. It is becoming a fundamental issue of trust, risk management, and long-term business sustainability.

The dangers extend far beyond AI companions.

According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, its CyberTipline received more than **1.4 million reports concerning online enticement in 2025**, a 158% increase over the prior year. Those reports included more than 80,000 involving sextortion.

For too long the industry's response has been fragmented: age checkboxes that children can bypass, parental controls that vary by application, keyword filters that miss subtle manipulation, and reporting systems that often require a child to recognize danger before asking for help.

REGO Guardian was designed to change that equation.

The Global Solution: Verify the Relationship. Understand the Risk. Empower the Parent.

REGO Guardian brings together patented age-assurance and parental-authorization technology with a contextual AI safety architecture designed to recognize patterns of potentially harmful behavior over time.

Four Essential Protections. One Global Solution.

Verified Age and Parental Authority: REGO Guardian leverages patented technology to establish age ranges and authenticate parental authority, ensuring that permissions come from a verified parent or legal guardian—not an unverified checkbox or email address.

AI-Powered Safety Intelligence: Guardian's contextual safety technology is designed to identify evolving patterns of grooming, manipulation, inappropriate AI interactions, and other digital threats. Rather than relying solely on keywords or individual messages, the system evaluates developing patterns and supports timely alerts to parents and participating platforms.

Portable Parental Permissions: Parents can approve, limit, deny, or revoke access across participating platforms, creating a consistent framework for family-directed protection.

Privacy Without Biometrics: Children are not required to submit facial scans, fingerprints, or other biometric identifiers to use Guardian's proposed verification model. Participating platforms receive trusted verification and permission signals without collecting unnecessary sensitive information about the child.

The result: Parents regain control. Children regain privacy. Platforms gain a foundation for trust.

About REGO Guardian

REGO Guardian, developed by REGO Payment Architectures, Inc. (OTCQB: RPMT), is an integrated digital trust and child-safety solution designed to bring together patented age assurance, verified parental authority, portable permission credentials, privacy-preserving architecture, and AI-powered contextual risk assessment. REGO Guardian is COPPA certified and GDPR compliant.

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