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- "Think of mobile phones are an extension of your hands, you hold your mobile phone all the time and leave it lying around constantly. You're washing your hands regularly and wearing these face masks, but then you use your mobile phone to make a phone call and it circumvents all the precautions you've taken. The virus transfers from your phone to your face in an instant" – Colin Tanner, Payments Expert, Co-founder of DIGISEQ
- "Wearables are ideal in a situation like this where we need functional items that are easy to disinfect. The best part is you wear it on you at all times. You don't need to go fondling through your wallet or your pocket and then start worrying about the germs in your wallet and pocket." – Terrie Smith, IET Achievement Medal 2019 Holder, Co-founder of DIGISEQ

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We offer businesses an all-in-one solution for entering the wearable technology market. We connect an entire ecosystem, serving as a central point of contact between banks, product creators, retailers, chip manufacturers and leading technology service providers.

Our award-winning digital platform empowers businesses by allowing them to tap on our existing infrastructure, ecosystem of partners, hardware and security systems to create wearable technology without disrupting their existing business processes.

As the pioneers and market leaders of passive wearable payment technology, we aim to be the world's largest issuing network.

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