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## LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com

Posted by StockMan - 2006/01/31 09:29

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This weeks featured site is MicroStockPhoto.

Click here to see the stats and interview with the administrator. This site is not affiliated with microstockforum.com we just bought similar domain names.

This topic is a chance to discuss your experience with this stock photo agency and to for the administrator to talk about its goals and experiences so far. Please feel free to say anything that you want good or bad and include information such as how many photos you have uploaded, your rejection rate and sales so far.

Please post any thought, experience, etc as replies to this topic.

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## Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com

Posted by Gracey - 2006/01/31 11:37

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I just signed up at this site the other day, so I haven't got much to say about it right now. The design is similar to a couple of others I belong to; it looks nice and clean, easy to navigate. Obviously I can't speak to sales yet.

I tried to use their multiple upload function and waited forever. When it was all over, none of my images appear to have uploaded.

I'll try a few one at a time, and see what happens, but I'd much rather have an ftp function.

For me, at most sites the other big issue is payment method - I just refuse to deal with paypal - I haven't figured it out on this site yet - I have looked, and on the application page the only thing they asked for was my mailing address. I have high hopes for payment by cheque :D , though I've opened an account with moneybookers, I would rather not use it.

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## Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com

Posted by John - 2006/01/31 12:14

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Hi

I'm John and I run MicroStockPhoto. First of all, thanks for registering with us and thanks for your uploads so far. I thought I'd take this opportunity to give you a bit of background answer a couple of your questions. First of all we strive to be open and honest about everything, including telling you about problems and limitations as we encounter them. All sites have problems but not all talk openly about them I guess.

We started in November with a fairly basic set up that has evolved quite quickly over the 3 month period since then. At first we had only a single upload facility and implemented the multi upload as quickly as we could. Some people are uploading multiple files quite easily and others are having problems which is unfortunate but it is something being looked at.

The temporary answer is that if your total MB is less than 15MB it works OK but when the combined total of all files exceeds that, some people are experiencing difficulties but we will get this sorted as soon as possible. In the meantime I can only apologise and suggest keeping the total MB to 15MB or less for now.

Payment is via PayPal for those that have PayPal accounts but we will also pay by cheque to anyone that doesn't have a PayPal account or doesn't want one. The only downside is that you may be liable to your local currency conversions and local bank charges for cashing foreign cheques if you live outside of the UK. So yes, payment by cheque is no problem if that's what you want.

As far as sales go, they aren't what you'd expect from the bigger companies like SS, IS etc. however, we've had a fair amount and some photographers have sold more at MSP than they have at many of the other newer microstock sites including FL, GS, CS which is encouraging as we are only 3 months old.

Now some might say we launched too early and it's a valid point but by the same token, leaving it too late could be disastrous. As it is, we launched anyway and are managing well.

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We are still early days and in the process of building a decent sized collection so sales are also limited by choice however, there is plenty of traffic to the site and that has grown each month.

So it's early days and I understand that many photographers are reluctant to join 'yet another' small player and that's understandable. It just takes time to become established so that's a bit of a catch 22 situation. But the library is growing and therefore the choice of images is growing too and with choice, we should see an increase in sales.

We do have a very fast review time though and we offer several advantages we feel. First of all, model release forms are required but only on request. You declare when you sign up that a model release is available for all images that have recognisable people in them. It's good enough for Alamy ;-).

Secondly, although a little squiffy at the minute, the upload process is very straightforward and simple. If your images have IPTC data embedded then then all you need do is categorise from a simple drop down menu and in fact, you don't even need to do that if you don't want to. I categorise all images that haven't been categorised and I'm even considering taking away the need to categorise at all for contributors. That can be done by the reviewer which makes life easier for photographers.

There are some innvations in the pipeline too.

To attract buyers that only want to buy a single image, we place no lower limit on purchases. i.e. if you want only one image, then that's all you have to buy. No sunscriptions and no need to buy \$10.00 worth of credits before you can buy.

Commission is 35% but I'm also looking at increasing that for portfolios above a certain number. So 40% for 500 or more images and 45% for 1,000 or more images.

Again to attract sales there is also an offer for anyone that buys 10 or more images in a single purchase, they are in with a chance of getting their money back. One buyer a month gets a total refund on a 10 or more image purchase if they are drawn at random.

So the site is young but I'm optimistic and enthusiastic about the site and its future. I guess that as it grows it will reach a point of critical mass if you like where it takes off but in the meantime it's a process of waiting and growing, hopefully that won't take too long but many many thanks to all those who have registered and contributed their images so far.

I can't do this without the faith of others that are willing to spend some time uploading now for a future payoff and it's much appreciated.

Kind Regards

John

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**Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com**

Posted by Gracey - 2006/01/31 14:06

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Nice...thanks for all the answers. Um, I wasn't complaining about the glitch - new sites have them and so do some of the "been there a while sites".

In fact, I do like to try and support new sites which is why I am on my way to upload a few...but 15mb is anywhere from 1 to 3 files...so for now one at a time will be safer. :)

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**Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com**

Posted by John - 2006/01/31 14:27

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Hi again

I realise you weren't complaining ;-)

That's 15 Megabytes rather than megabits. So that'd be around 120 mb. That could be 15 files of 1MB or 5 files of 3MB etc. etc.

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I just reviewed the images you have uploaded and they are very nice. :-)

Regrads

John

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## Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com

Posted by Gracey - 2006/01/31 15:30

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Thanks - that has to be the fastest review process I've ever endured :lol: Great work - nice to be able to do that. I'm finding 3 at a time works pretty well.

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## Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com

Posted by John - 2006/02/08 12:40

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The upload problem is now fixed. 8)

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## Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com

Posted by StockMan - 2006/02/08 12:42

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The upload problem is now fixed. 8)

This is great news! I have a ton of photos to upload to your site! Now I just need to find some time :oops:

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## Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com

Posted by Ruben - 2006/11/08 12:12

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As this is the About Microstockphoto.com section i thought it would be nice to post a message here to update everybody on MSP.

MicroStockPhoto is approaching its first birthday in a few weeks and we would like to inform you of some imminent and positive changes that will be taking place in the near future.

For those of you that contribute to several sites, you may have noticed that one or two have disappeared recently.

Let me assure you that this is not the case for MicroStockPhoto, in fact just the opposite. The future looks brighter than it ever has for MicroStockPhoto.

The next 6 months will see an increase in marketing and technical input from our dedicated and enthusiastic team from Norway headed by Ruben van Tienen who have taking over the site since the beginning of october 2006.

One of the first improvements was the transfer to a bigger and faster server still under the domain name of [www.microstockphoto.com](http://www.microstockphoto.com)

This will help to accommodate most of the increased traffic expected as the marketing phase of the site begins The site will continue to operate as a royalty free photography site.

Some of the updates to the site that are allready implemented are:

- New design
- New approval system for both photographers and photo's.
- New Forum

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Things that are planned:

- Increased promotion of Microstockphoto.
  - Option for photographers to upload ZIP files which can contain a set of graphical files + screenshot other than JPG files)
  - Option to sign up for a Microstockphoto Newsletter for new and existing customers.
- And much more.

Not only do we promise input of our expertise but, because we also have a love of photography, it can only be of benefit to the future of the site.

Best regards,

Ruben van Tienen  
MicroStockPhoto.com

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## Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com

Posted by Ruben - 2006/11/17 17:03

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Just to let everybody know. We have now implemented an affiliate system for MicroStockPhoto.com which anybody can join for Free.

<http://affiliate.microstockphoto.com/index.php>

Ruben  
MicroStockPhoto.com

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## Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com

Posted by Creatista - 2007/08/29 02:45

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Just a thank you to the folks from MSP who are posting info here. It is great to hear from the people behind the tech/web curtain.

I submit to MSP...just started. Haven't made any money, yet...but I've only been tossing things uop for less than two weeks now. Hoepfully the tide will turn. :-) I'll be looking for sales over the next two months or so to see how the site tracks with others out there.

In the mean time I'd echo the desire for ftp. That said, I do find the upload process pretty fast and the response time is blazing. I often end up uploading just one at a time because of the grouping function...so that might be something to look at. How could that be a bit easier? And ultimately I'll be leaning very heavily towards the sites with ftp - as I mentioned.

Also got a personal note from John at one point thanking me for images and giving me a bit of advice relative to MSP. That is a big deal to me. I find the personal interaction makes a huge difference in who I want to work with...and who I will forgive certain things.

Thanks MSP...

Cheers...

Scott/Creatista

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## Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com

Posted by Creatista - 2007/08/29 02:47

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By the way...I'm sure MSP likes to know where their submitting photographers found out about them. I found out here. :-)  
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Scott/Creatista

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**Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com**

Posted by Ruben - 2007/08/29 06:58

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Thanks Creatista , allways good to know.

We will be posting an updated 'about' soon here as well.

About FTP. just drop us a mail through the support section and we will setup an FTP account for photographers that are in need for it.

Ruben

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**Re: LETS TALK ABOUT: MicroStockPhoto.com**

Posted by Creatista - 2007/08/30 14:59

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Thanks Ruben...

I'll go and send that email right now. :-)

I appreciate your responsiveness.

Cheers,

scott

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