



Axalto Teams with Adobe to Offer Convenient and Secure Document Controls

Innovative smart card security solution simplifies governmental and corporate compliance

Amsterdam, The Netherlands – April 12, 2005 – Document management and security are integral components of regulatory compliance and privacy. Axalto, the world's largest provider of microprocessor cards, announced it has teamed with Adobe Systems Incorporated to address this critical requirement by providing non-repudiative signatures, encryption and access controls in document publishing tools. The solution is available now on Axalto's Cyberflex Access smart card products and works with the popular Adobe® Acrobat® software, version 6.0 and above.

Customers using Axalto smart cards are able to seamlessly and electronically sign, encrypt, and secure access to documents using the portable credentials they carry securely on their smart card badges. Adobe Acrobat will automatically detect the available credentials on their Axalto card. A non-repudiative, read-only visual mark representing the smart card bearer's digital signature and indicating the individual's agreement, authorship, review, or approval of the document can then be quickly inserted into an Adobe PDF file. The viewable file can then be transmitted via email to other relevant parties for subsequent review or stored for future reference. These document security features can be used in many scenarios, for example to secure confidential information, to restrict access to a classified document to selected individuals, to verify the source of a proposal or memorandum, or to confirm and record that someone in an organization has reviewed a regulatory document.

"Government regulations like HIPAA and Sarbanes-Oxley are increasingly requiring better protection for confidentiality, privacy of information and records of document workflow," said Francois Lasnier, Axalto vice-president of Finance, Public Sector, Access and ID in North America. "Moreover, corporate governance provisions and best practices like those mentioned in the Tabaksblad or the UK Combined Code in Europe and the national codes in Asia will clearly benefit from an easy-to-use secure document management system. Our goal in working closely with Adobe was to deliver clearly better tools to achieve these requirements.'

"Smart cards provide an ideal portable access key for higher levels of electronic signature authorization. We are pleased to work with Axalto to enable powerful, easy-to-use solutions that protect privacy and provide greater assurances of document authenticity, integrity, and non-repudiation," said John Landwehr, director of Security Solutions and Strategy for Adobe.

About Axalto

Axalto (Euronext: NL0000400653 AXL) is the world's leading provider of microprocessor cards (Gartner Dataquest 2004) — the key to digital networks — and a major supplier of point-of-sale terminals. Its 4500 employees come from 70 nationalities and serve customers in more than 100 countries, with worldwide sales reaching 3 billion smart cards to date. The company has 25 years' experience in smart card innovation and leads its industry in security technology and open systems.

Axalto continuously creates new generations of products for use in a variety of applications in the telecommunications, finance, retail, transport, entertainment, healthcare, personal identification, information technology and public sector markets. Microprocessor cards provide convenience, security and privacy to public and private services operators, their customers and end users.

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