



Axalto Enables DoCoMo to Fully Benefit From 3G Mobile Market Expansion

Axalto USIM Card to Support 3G Migration and Ensure Critical Service Continuity for Subscribers

Amsterdam / Tokyo, January 16, 2006 – Axalto (Euronext: NL0000400653 – AXL), the world's leader of microprocessor cards, today announced it has been selected by DoCoMo to supply advanced USIM cards for DoCoMo FOMA™ (Freedom Of Mobile Multimedia Access) 3G services. The Axalto USIM proved to be an ideal vehicle to solve national and international roaming issues of DoCoMo, while providing strong support to its 3G migration process.

With this card, subscribers of DoCoMo – Japan's largest mobile operator - will be able to enjoy connecting with PDC network when in Japan, as well as internationally with W-CDMA and GSM networks when overseas. Designed to ensure the continuity of service for DoCoMo's subscribers regardless of the network technologies, the Axalto USIM will also support DoCoMo's completion of its migration to the third generation environment.

Uniquely designed to meet DoCoMo's rigorous security specifications and embedded with its PKI (Public key Infrastructure) feature, the Axalto USIM card integrates the operator's 3G technology to enable high-speed, large-capacity data transmission, as well as a variety of applications requiring secure digital signature, such as Internet access, web mail, remote log-in or mobile commerce.

"Axalto is proud to have been chosen by a wireless service provider such as DoCoMo, a leading operator dedicated to satisfying its subscribers and recognized by the industry players for spreading W-CDMA-based 3G services throughout the world," commented Tan Teck Lee, President Asia, Axalto. "As its key supplier, we look forward to leverage on our strong technological leadership to continue enabling DoCoMo to offer their customers leading-edge services that are personal, secure and convenient."

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About Axalto

Axalto (Euronext: NL0000400653 AXL) is the world's leading provider of microprocessor cards (Gartner 2005, Frost & Sullivan 2004) - the key to digital networks - and a major supplier of point-of-sale terminals. Its 4500 employees come from over 60 nationalities and serve customers in more than 100 countries, with worldwide sales exceeding 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. For more info, please visit www.axalto.com

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