



Axalto Achieves CB5. 2 Certification for its MagIC X1000 GPRS Terminal

Ready now for mass deployment in France, the MagIC X1000 GPRS allows for payments anywhere, fast transactions and very low communication costs

Amsterdam, The Netherlands - 14 September, 2005 – Axalto (Euronext NL0000400653 AXL), the world's leader in microprocessor cards and a major supplier of point-of-sales terminals, today announced that it has obtained the CB5.2 certification (EMV level 2) from the Groupement des Cartes Bancaires for its fully mobile digital wireless MagIC X1000 GPRS (General Packet Radio Service) payment terminal. The MagIC X1000 GPRS is available immediately for mass deployment in France.

The MagIC X1000 GPRS is perfectly suited for retailers on the move, such as taxi drivers or home deliverers, as it offers a very efficient portable means to accept payment cards anywhere. Merchants who require rapid transactions such as quick service restaurants benefit from significant reduction in authorization time, with data transfers nearly five times as fast as with a standard desktop point of sales terminal. Furthermore, the MagIC X1000 GPRS provides its users with a very cost-effective operational solution because billing is based on the volume of data transferred rather than on wireless connection time.

"We believe that GPRS technology together with Axalto point of sales terminals brings outstanding improvements to users," said Michel Léger, vice president e-payment for Axalto. "With the CB5.2 certification, this advanced product combines the convenience offered by complete mobility with the high security brought by EMV. As cardholders expect to be able to use their cards in an increasingly wide range of locations and circumstances, Axalto provides businesses with the opportunity to grant their customers a most convenient and cost-effective wireless payment option."

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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.

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