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Extension of the duration of the reopened public exchange offer by Gemalto for Gemplus shares

Amsterdam, October 9, 2006 - As announced by the French Autorité des marchés financiers ("AMF") on October 6, 2006, the duration of the reopened public exchange offer on Gemplus International S.A. will be extended at the request of the Luxembourg Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier as agreed with the AMF. The object of such extension is to allow an independent expert to assess the evaluation methodology and price of the sell-out as provided by articles 15 and 16 of the Luxembourg takeover law. The sell-out procedure has already been described by Gemalto in its press release dated October 2, 2006. Such sell-out price will be communicated to the market immediately after completion of the independent expert's assessment.

In addition, Gemalto reiterates its intention to reserve its right to conduct a squeeze-out, either after the close of the reopened offer or during the sell-out period which follows the close of the reopened offer, assuming that Gemalto holds more than 95 % of the voting rights of Gemplus International S.A.
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An offering document for the public exchange offer for the Gemplus shares has been filed with the French stock exchange authority (Autorité des marchés financiers “AMF”) and received the visa No. 06-252 on July 6, 2006. Copies of the free English translation of the joint French language offering document and of the documents incorporated by reference thereto (i.e., two prospectuses for the listing of the Gemalto shares approved by the Dutch stock exchange authority (Autoriteit Financiële Markten) on June 30, 2006, for which an approval certificate has been received by the AMF on the same date) are available from the Internet websites of Gemalto (www.gemalto.com) and of Gemplus (www.gemplus.com) as well as free of charge upon request to the following: Gemalto N.V.: Koningsgracht Gebouw 1, Joop Geesinkweg 541-542, 1096 AX Amsterdam, the Netherlands; Gemplus International S.A.: 46A, avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg; Mellon Investor Services LLC, U.S. Exchange Agent: 480 Washington Boulevard, Attn: Information Agent Group, AIM # 074-2800, Jersey City, New Jersey 07310, Call Toll Free: 1-866-768-4951.

Gemplus securityholders are strongly advised to read the offering document relating to the Offer and related exchange offer materials regarding the transaction, as well as any amendments and supplements to those documents because they contain important information.

About Gemalto

Gemalto N.V. (Euronext NL 0000400653 GTO) is a leader in digital security with pro forma 2005 annual revenues of €1,7 billion ($2.2 billion), operations in 120 countries and 11,000 employees including 1,500 R&D engineers. The company's solutions make personal digital interactions secure and easy in a world where everything of value - from money to identities - is represented as information communicated over networks.

Gemalto N.V. thrives on creating and deploying secure platforms, portable and secure forms of software in highly personal objects like smart cards, SIMs, e-passports, readers and tokens. More than a billion people worldwide use the company's products and services for various applications, including telecommunications, banking, e-government, identity management, multimedia digital right management, IT security and other applications. Gemalto N.V. was formed in June 2006 by the combination of Axalto Holding N.V. and Gemplus International S.A.

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