Gemalto Achieves Major Breakthrough in Launch of Secure Linux Payment Terminals

Secures open world with unrivalled power and connectivity

Cartes tradeshow, Villepinte, France. November 7, 2006 - Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO), a world leader in digital security, today introduces its MagIC³ range of Point-Of-Sale (POS) terminals that incorporate the MagIC Open&Sec technology running on Linux™. This open platform allows users to securely access a broad set of new applications. MagIC³ is powered by two high-performance 32-bit microprocessors to significantly increase transaction speed in a secure environment, where tremendous processing capacity is required. In addition, it features Universal Serial Bus (USB) devices to enable plugging in of all the peripherals available in the market as well as Ethernet connection, thus propelling MagIC³ into the Internet world.

The new Gemalto terminals' Linux-based operating system leverages Internet Protocol (IP) technology and accelerates the development of new value-added solutions. Their high level of connectivity allows users to easily upgrade their software or install additional modules by simply downloading these through a USB key.

In order to make POS terminals more convenient to operate, MagIC³ provides an intuitive user interface – quite similar to that of a mobile phone – that makes it extremely simple to navigate menus through icons and relevant shortcuts. This ease of use, unique to Gemalto's new product, allows retailers to access payment functionalities in just a few keystrokes. With MagIC³, carrying out electronic transactions through POS terminals is no longer cumbersome and limited to tech-savvy users.

“Gemalto is proud to unveil its Powerful Open Secure POS devices,” commented Michel Léger, senior vice president Point-of-Sale terminals at Gemalto. “With the adoption of the Linux operating system, this product line opens up a realm of new customized applications and gives our customers greater flexibility, without compromising security. Moreover, the open operating system benefits banks and merchants alike, delivering both cost and time to market advantages.”

“Linux” is a registered trademark of Linus Torvalds, the original author of the Linux Kernel.
About Gemalto

Gemalto (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 entertainment to identities - is increasingly represented as bits and bytes communicated over networks.

Gemalto 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 telecommunications, banking, e-government, identity management, multimedia content, digital rights management, IT security and other applications. Gemalto was formed in June 2006 by the combination of Axalto and Gemplus International S.A. For more information please visit [www.gemalto.com](http://www.gemalto.com).

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