Gemalto Integrates Digital Security Solutions with New Microsoft Identity Lifecycle Manager

Gemalto’s latest innovation protects information and strengthens identity within the enterprise

RSA CONFERENCE, San Francisco, CA, February 7, 2007 – Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO), a world leader in digital security, today announced the integration of its Gemalto .NET digital security solution with Microsoft’s new Identity Lifecycle Manager 2007 (ILM 2007), introduced at the RSA Conference. Gemalto is demonstrating how ILM 2007 streamlines the deployment and management of certificates with Gemalto .NET cards this week at the conference, Feb. 5 to 9, in Gemalto booth #1624 and at Microsoft’s Partner Pavilion, booth #1009.

“Seamless access to information across the enterprise requires a high level of trust,” said Marvin Tansley, director of network and identity systems alliances for Gemalto. “Gemalto’s role is to strengthen trust within Microsoft’s identity and access solutions. With strong, device-based authentication, businesses know that privacy, security and data protection are much better assured. It also enables digital signatures of electronic documents to streamline approval processes with paperless exchanges.”

The Gemalto .NET card makes digital interactions more convenient and secure for people and organizations. It includes a computer with special cryptographic capabilities and software optimized for security and network identity protection. ILM 2007 places credential and security related information directly into the Gemalto .NET card, which in turn works seamlessly in the Microsoft ILM 2007 architecture to replace traditional user name/password security with strong, device-based authentication.

Other Gemalto solutions planned for ILM 2007 integration include an authentication server and additional microprocessor-based authentication devices. One upcoming new feature is the Gemalto protiva™ solution, a one-time password (OTP) application on the Gemalto .NET smart card. This option can be easily implemented and assists businesses that want to jump-start their migration to certificate-based authentication. Protiva can also provide additional
security when users cannot directly insert their Gemalto .NET cards into a workstation, such as at kiosks or hotel office centers.

“Organizations are increasingly turning to smart card technology to enhance network security, privacy and protect digital identities,” said Peter Houston, senior director of marketing for identity and access at Microsoft Corp. “We are pleased to be working closely with Gemalto to ensure that customers have choices that include strong authentication devices such as smart cards.”

Gemalto .NET smart cards can be ordered online at http://www.NETsolutions.gemalto.com.

About Gemalto .NET devices
The Gemalto .NET technology provides a seamless companion to the Microsoft® .NET environment and service-oriented architectures. By extending the Microsoft .NET programming model to secure personal devices, this new Gemalto innovation empowers application developers through the rich features of managed memory, security, and language integration. Microsoft was the first enterprise to deploy Gemalto .NET smart cards to tens of thousands of its employees.

About Gemalto
Gemalto (Euronext NL 0000400653 GTO) is a leader in digital security with 2006 annual revenues of €1.7 billion, operations in about 100 countries and more than 10,000 employees including 1,500 R&D engineers. In a world where the digital revolution is increasingly transforming our lives, Gemalto’s solutions are designed to make personal digital interactions more convenient, secure and enjoyable.

Gemalto provides end-to-end digital security solutions, from the development of software applications through design and production of secure personal devices such as smart cards, SIMs, e-passports, and tokens to the management of deployment services for its customers. More than a billion people worldwide use the company's products and services for telecommunications, financial services, e-government, identity management, multimedia content, digital rights management, IT security, mass transit and many other applications.

As the use of Gemalto’s software and secure devices increases with the number of people interacting in the digital and wireless world, the company is poised to thrive over the coming years. Gemalto was formed in June 2006 by the combination of Axalto and Gemplus. For more information please visit www.gemalto.com.

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