Valimo and Gemalto partner to provide the wireless market with strong mobile signature solution

HELSINKI, Finland, PARIS, France. 21.11.2007 – Valimo and Gemalto today announced a new step in their partnership towards the Mobile Signature market. Gemalto, the world leader in digital security, integrates the Valimo’s Mobile Authentication Client (VMAC) on its SIM (subscriber identity module) cards, in order to make Valimo’s mobile signature application available to the mass market.

“We have seen a significant increase in interest from the telecommunications community for mobile signatures. Gemalto is the most reliable and experienced player in the field of mobile security and is at the forefront in providing the market with inventive and strong solutions for mobile authentication and signing” says Tapio Vailahti, Chief Executive Officer at Valimo. “We are proud that Gemalto embraced Valimo’s mobile signature approach with the VMAC embedded in its SIM cards. With Gemalto committed to the Valimo Mobile Authentication Client, I see good signs ahead.”

A mobile signature is the digital equivalent of a handwritten signature on a paper contract. It allows the mobile phone to act as the pen needed for signing almost any e-service, such as online banking, government documents, internet check out, and entry to corporate intranets from outside of the office. Unlike other identification schemes for e-services, mobile signatures require no additional devices or software, and no additional password lists.

“Implementing the Valimo VMAC is a natural progressive step from Gemalto’s roll out of mobile signature schemes in Europe,” says Jean Francois Gros, Director Partner Solutions at Gemalto. “The Gemalto SIM cards will provide a state-of-the-art option for mobile operators who intend to roll out mobile signature services to their subscriber base. We consider that the whole SIM community should benefit from a best-of-breed combination with respect to SIM cards and mobile signature applications”.

Mobile operators purchasing the VMAC on a SIM card will have a significant advantage in providing mobile signature services (MSS) through the ETSI-specified MSS web services interface. With the VMAC, mobile signature services do not require mobile operators to commit to a specific (mobile) network protocol or delivery method – and VMAC works in any GSM phone. The convenient signing experience also remains consistent for the whole portfolio of mobile services on offer.

The VMAC adds significant value for mobile network operators and SIM vendors as it enables fast time-to-market introduction of business-driven applications with easy and convenient user-experience.

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About Valimo Wireless

Helsinki-based Valimo Wireless is the leading provider of mobile signature solutions for mobile operator, bank and corporate customers.

Valimo’s solutions are used by more than 40 European and Middle Eastern customers to date, assuring protection against various security attacks like phishing, cost savings thanks to digitalization of various currently paper-based processes and introduction of new business cases enabled by the convenient mobile signing capability.

Valimo is growing strongly with offices in Finland, Sweden, Germany, France and Turkey.

For more information about Valimo, please visit www.valimo.com

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About Gemalto

Gemalto (Euronext NL 0000400653 GTO) is the leader in digital security with pro forma 2006 annual revenues of €1.7 billion, more than 85 offices in 40 countries and about 10,000 employees including 1,300 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 deployment of managed 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.

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