

# Secure ID Industry Promotes Privacy and Security Standards to State Legislators

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 16 /PRNewswire/ -- Members of the Secure ID Coalition, an affiliation of companies advocating for secure identification (ID) technology standards to protect the privacy of citizens, will be educating policymakers at the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) this week. The coalition, which includes secure card makers Gemalto and Oberthur Card Systems, as well as chip makers Infineon Technologies, Philips Semiconductors and Texas Instruments, will meet with legislators to share their principles of privacy and their call for best practices and standards in securing identity information management programs.

The mission of the coalition and its member companies, which provide digital security solutions for identification documents -- including contactless smart cards -- is to promote the understanding and appropriate use of smart card technology while maintaining user privacy. Smart card technology offers significant benefits to government and to citizens that include authenticating identity, preventing fraud in government programs and improving data processing efficiency. While contactless smart cards can further improve system reliability and operating efficiencies, they require tailored security practices to protect confidential personal information contained on the cards and in central databases. The Coalition supports the use of best practices in implementing these security measures.

The Secure ID Coalition is a resource to policymakers seeking to ensure standards for the protection of citizen identity information. Its members work with public and private entities to design secure solutions in identity management that also address the importance of protecting privacy. The Coalition recognizes the importance of citizen privacy rights, namely: \* Privacy of personal information as defined by all relevant regulations and laws \* Confidence that ID documents have been appropriately secured against threats of fraudulent access to personal information \* The right to know what data is contained in electronic ID documents, how that data will be collected, secured and transmitted, the presence of radio frequency (RF) technology in ID docs, and when, where and why an RF device is being read

The Secure ID Coalition members will be available to policymakers at the NCSL's annual meeting and exhibit to discuss technology and ID management issues states are grappling with as they decide to roll out electronic identification programs. The meeting and exhibit will be held in Nashville, Tenn., August 16-18, and the Secure ID Coalition can be located at booth #104. For more information on the Secure ID Coalition, please visit <http://www.secureidcoalition.org/>.

## About Secure ID Coalition

Secure ID Coalition is an affiliation of companies that provide digital security solutions for identification documents -- including contactless Smart Cards. The group's mission is to promote the understanding and appropriate use of Smart Card technology to achieve enhanced security for physical and/or logical access, while maintaining user privacy.

## About Gemalto

Gemalto (Euronext NL 0000400653 GTO) is a leader in digital security with pro forma 2005 annual revenues of euro 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 <http://www.gemalto.com/>.

## About Infineon

Infineon Technologies AG, Munich, Germany, offers semiconductor and system solutions for automotive, industrial and multimarket sectors, for applications in communication, as well as memory products through its subsidiary Qimonda. With a global presence, Infineon operates through its subsidiaries in the US from San Jose, CA, in the Asia-Pacific region from Singapore and in Japan from Tokyo. In fiscal year 2005 (ending September), the company achieved sales of Euro 6.76 billion with about 36,400 employees worldwide. Infineon is listed on the DAX index of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and on the New York Stock Exchange (ticker symbol: IFX). Further information is available at <http://www.infineon.com/>. Further information on Qimonda is available at <http://www.qimonda.com/>.

## About Oberthur Card Systems

With sales above 600 million dollars in 2005, Oberthur Card Systems is one of the world's leading providers of card-based solutions, software and applications including SIM and multi-application smart cards as well as services ranging from consulting to personalization. Innovative products, security expertise and high quality services ensure Oberthur Card Systems'

strong positioning in its main target markets: \* Payment & Services: 53% of 2005 revenues. World leader and number one supplier of Visa and MasterCard payment cards \* Mobile Communications: 32% of 2005 revenues, with open and interoperable solutions based on Java(TM) technology. \* Identity: strong positions in ID projects throughout the world \* Multimedia: leading position in the Pay-TV market with an end-to-end expertise in the value chain: software development, manufacturing and personalization \* Transit: focus in the high-end segment with a microprocessor-based offer

Close to its customers, the company benefits from an industrial and commercial presence across all five continents. Listed on the Euronext Stock Exchange (ISIN: FR0000124133) since July 2000, Oberthur Card Systems is a subsidiary of the Francois-Charles Oberthur Group. For more information, visit <http://www.oberthures.com/> About Royal Philips Electronics  
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#### About Texas Instruments

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