



## Avaleris® Announces Global Partner Relationship with Gemalto

**Ottawa, February 6, 2007** - Avaleris® Inc., a global provider of Identity Assurance professional services and integrated smart card / digital certificate based credential lifecycle management solutions, today announced they have established a business partner relationship with Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO), a world leader in digital security. Under the terms of the partner agreement, Avaleris will become an authorized global systems integration partner and value added reseller for Gemalto's protiva™ and .NET microprocessor-based digital security solutions.

Business drivers including regulatory compliance and increased operational efficiencies are motivating many enterprise organizations to realize that a traditional username / password based approach is no longer sufficient to secure access control for business assets and sensitive data – and are adopting smart card and digital certificate based technologies to deploy stronger authentication solutions. While the use of smart card and digital certificate technologies provides an excellent approach to deploying strong multifactor authentication – they can be complex to deploy in large, highly distributed environments in a timely and cost effective manner.

“We are delighted to be establishing this preferred business partner relationship with Gemalto”, says Bill Tompkins, Vice President, Marketing and Business Development, Avaleris. “We are excited about the opportunities a global partner relationship with a recognized industry leader such as Gemalto will present to Avaleris and our customers who are looking to deploy smart card and digital certificate based Identity & Access Management solutions in a manner that enables them to leverage their existing Microsoft infrastructure.”

“We welcome Avaleris as a preferred systems integration partner and value-added reseller in the Identity and Access Management space”, says Ross Duncan, Vice President of Channels, Gemalto North America. “Leveraging their heritage and domain expertise in the area of Identity Assurance, Microsoft-centric customers will be able to more easily deploy and manage strong authentication solutions in a turnkey approach”.

### About Avaleris

Avaleris is a global provider of Identity Assurance professional services and integrated smart card / digital certificate based credential lifecycle management solutions using Microsoft's Identity & Access Management products including Certificate Lifecycle Manager™ (CLM), Windows Server™ 2003 Certificate Services and Windows Server 2003™ Active Directory. Leveraging their heritage and domain expertise in the area of Identity Assurance solutions, Avaleris' professional staff is focused on assisting enterprise organizations in the implementation of Identity & Access Management infrastructures using Microsoft technologies in a manner that supports existing management processes and security policies required by their business. For more information please visit [www.avaleris.com](http://www.avaleris.com).

### About Gemalto

Gemalto (Euronext NL 0000400653 GTO) is a leader in digital security with pro forma 2005 annual revenues of €1.7 billion, operations in about 100 countries and 11,000 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](http://www.gemalto.com)

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