

Gemalto to Design, Build and Implement the First Smart Card-Based Healthcare System in Algeria

The contract calls for 7 million smart cards over three years and designing, building and implementing the smart card customization and management system

Amsterdam / Algiers, July 4, 2006 – Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO), a world leader in digital security, announced that it has been selected by the Algerian national health insurance authority (*Caisse Nationale de la Sécurité Sociale des Travailleurs Salariés, CNAS*) to be its sole provider for the rollout of the first healthcare microprocessor cards in Algeria. As prime contractor, Gemalto will manage the entire project. Main roll out is to take place in 2007, including a total of 7 million smart cards.

Under the contract, Gemalto will provide CNAS with a microprocessor card-based turnkey solution to strongly authenticate both healthcare beneficiaries and healthcare providers, while ensuring full prescription traceability. Gemalto's solution involves smart cards for citizens, smart cards for healthcare professionals (doctors, pharmacists..), the related customization system and an integrated issuance and management system. Leveraging on its expertise in solutions and services customization, Gemalto will assist the CNAS in starting off the production process, and ensure proper training for the CNAS personnel.

For the citizens, the healthcare smart card simplifies substantially the submission of claims to the Algerian social security services by digitizing claims forms. It also offers a high degree of transaction security and speeds up claim reimbursements.

"We needed a partner with expertise in rolling out healthcare smart card and customization system"s, said Mr Ahmed Khenchoul, General Director of CNAS. "Gemalto had a clear understanding of our needs and was able to propose a turnkey solution enabling healthcare institutions to migrate efficiently to smart card technology. By doing so, healthcare institutions in Algeria will be able to securely manage patient records and verify patient benefits while keeping patient data confidential."

"We are proud to be taking part in this ambitious CNAS modernization plan, which will be a premiere not only in North Africa but on the entire African continent," added Xavier Chanay, President CIS, Middle East, Africa at Gemalto.

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.