



Gemalto Named as a Member of the Microsoft SecureIT Alliance

Austin, TX, October 31, 2006 – Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO), a world leader in digital security, today announces its participation in the SecureIT Alliance, created to enhance security for the Microsoft platform. Gemalto brings global experience in delivering secure personal devices and practical application software that already strongly protect more than a billion identities and subscription privileges worldwide.

“Customers are continually challenged with selecting security products and services that interoperate as a collection,” said Gerry Albert, group manager, Microsoft Corporation. “The problem becomes exponentially complex with additional vendors. The SecureIT Alliance creates an environment where security technology providers can identify solutions that exist today, provide guidance for multi-vendor solutions and define opportunities to collaborate. With its vast experience in digital security, Gemalto can help our community develop secure solutions more easily and is a valued addition to the Alliance.”

Gemalto provides enterprises with a large range of smart card-based identity management solutions including protiva™ and SafesITe and GemSAFE cards and tokens. Gemalto also developed the industry’s first smart card that can be programmed as a Microsoft .NET framework device, which Microsoft deployed internally for IT security worldwide with employees and subcontractors.

“Microsoft is focused on better security and our portable, secure platforms offer a perfect complement to enable best practices,” said Philippe Cambriel, executive vice-president of banking and security, Gemalto.

About the SecureIT Alliance

The SecureIT Alliance Web site is an informational resource for IT Security Professionals that provides the latest security news, information and events. A comprehensive "Member Directory" presents innovative products, tools and services from linked partners who work together to form enhanced solutions. SecureIT Alliance members also interactively collaborate and communicate through a Web portal covering new product design, development, testing plus threat-protection and response scenarios. More information is available at www.secureitalliance.org.

About Gemalto

Gemalto (Euronext NL 0000400653 GTO) is a leader in digital security with pro forma 2005 annual revenues of \$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 identities- is represented as information 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 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.

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