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Gemalto to Deliver Turnkey Solution for Driver's License Program in Norway

ID program to potentially reach 1.5 million cards over next six years

Amsterdam, Netherlands, December 6, 2006 – Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO), a world leader in digital security, today announces that it will provide its highly secure polycarbonate cards, based on Setec* technology, for driver's licenses in Norway. The agreement with the Norwegian authorities calls for the supply and personalization of the cards and direct mailing to the end-user. The four-year contract will come into force on January 1, 2007 and includes an option for two additional years. Norway currently issues approximately 250,000 driver's licenses per year.

Gemalto will supply the Norwegian Directorate of Public Roads with polycarbonate cards that implement highly secure printing features such as micro-text, UV sensitive ink and rainbow printing. Furthermore, the cards will be personalized locally in Norway using laser engraving. The entire manufacturing process ensures the highest levels of security.

"Gemalto's expertise in highly-secure ID documents is widely recognized," commented Sonja Sporstøl, Head of Road User Division of Norway. "An additional key factor in our decision to choose Gemalto was the proven capabilities on overall security throughout production and personalization of the driver's license. It is one thing to supply a product, it is another one to provide a service, and Gemalto does both in this program".

"After selecting us for the deployment of the e-passport program, this decision is a demonstration of trust and confidence in our Secure ID solutions," added Jacques Seneca, President Europe at Gemalto. "This extended agreement illustrates the consistency and quality of the work done over the years and of the trusted relationship we have built with the Norwegian Authorities."

This new success reinforces Gemalto's positioning in the field of driver's license and vehicle registration, with deployments already completed in El Salvador, Finland and India. Additionally, Gemalto has provided secure documents and solutions for tachograph programs in France, Spain, The Netherlands, Luxemburg, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Denmark, which aim to make roads safer.

* Setec is part of the Gemalto group (acquired in 2005). The Setec technology is incorporated in products such as biometric and visual passports, electronic and visual ID cards, driving licenses and health cards.

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.