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Thai e-passports for Oberthur Card Systems

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Oberthur Card Systems has been selected as the supplier of Thai e-passport chips by Chan Wanich - NEC consortium. The contract calls for the delivery of several million modules, starting with an initial roll out of one million in 2005.

Chan Wanich- NEC consortium, which has been awarded a contract to produce several million e-passports, has selected Oberthur Card Systems to provide ICAO compliant dual interface chips and Operating Systems. Oberthur Card Systems is also supporting the consortium for personalization services.

Mr Thanapol Kongboonma, Executive Vice President of Chan Wanich, stated that one of the key reasons for choosing Oberthur Card Systems was the expertise in the field of high security and personalization. The Oberthur Card Systems' contact-less 64K chip is embedded in the outside cover of the passport and secures storage of personal information including name, date of birth, address, finger print, face geometry and PKI (Public Key Infrastructure).

Under the contract, Chan Wanich will also provide turn-key enrolment systems and support to all Thai embassies around the world.

Chan Wanich, prime contractor and system integrator, has printed passports for the Consular Affairs Departments since 1992. The company also prints contact-less stored-value cards and tokens for the subway system, cheques, train tickets, and share certificates for the Stock Exchange of Thailand. Chan Wanich is the leading security printing company in Thailand. They manufacture all kinds of security products (passports, smart cards, tax stamps).

NEC, member of the consortium, is bringing its expertise in biometrics systems. The

synergies between Chan Wanich & Oberthur Card Systems will bring the best of technology and the highest security to the Thai government.

About Oberthur Card Systems

With sales of 450.8 million Euros in 2004, 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: 57% of 2004 revenues. World leader and number one supplier of Visa and MasterCard payment cards
- + Mobile Communications: 33% of 2004 revenues, with open and interoperable solutions based on Java™ 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 B section of Eurolist (ISIN: FR0000124133) since July 2000, Oberthur Card Systems is a subsidiary of the François-Charles Oberthur Group.

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