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## **OBERTHUR TEAMS WITH LITTON PRC TO BECOME LARGEST SUPPLIER OF SMART CARDS TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**[Paris, June 13, 2001, 17.30 hours]** — Oberthur Card Systems, one of the world's leading smart card suppliers, and Litton PRC, a leading smart card integrator now part of Logicon Northrop Grumman, have been awarded a contract to supply an additional 600,000 Common Access ID chip cards to the Department of Defense (DoD), bringing the total to 700,000 cards for the past year. The chips on the new cards store digital certificates and digital signatures for authorised personnel who may do paperless contracting and require secure access to buildings and networks.

"The U.S. government is an extremely important and highly selective customer that influences decisions globally. The fact that we produced all the cards for the largest deployment of microprocessor chip cards using the latest Java-technology based smart card platform for a U.S. credit card giant was a persuasive demonstration of our technology and production capabilities," said Philippe Tartavull, president & CEO of Oberthur Card Systems' North American division. "

Oberthur teamed with smart card integrator Litton PRC, which has developed some innovative applications that control physical and logical access. Because the smart cards use a Java-technology based open platform, additional programs and applications can be added in the future to meet the stringent requirements of the DoD.

"We wanted to engage multiple card vendors," noted Mary Dixon, director of the DoD's Access Card Office. "Oberthur has been one of those suppliers that has had the capabilities and security that we have come to trust in the industry."

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### **About Oberthur Card Systems**

Oberthur Card Systems (Paris Stock Exchange - Code SICOVAM 12413), a global leader and the innovator in the smart card industry, is shaping the future by offering the ultimate in SIM, WAP, 3G (IMT-2000/UMTS), e-wallet technologies & Internet-based card management services coupled with a firm commitment to open standards.

Championing EMV migration, Oberthur is the world's No. 1 supplier of MasterCard and Visa cards, No. 1 in banking, e-commerce, m-commerce and pay-TV, Oberthur is also the No.1 in Java™ and GSM technologies.

Oberthur Card Systems has an international reach ensured by 30 sales offices and 20 manufacturing sites across the five continents. Oberthur Card Systems had sales of 451.1 million Euros in 2000.

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