



Axalto and ChamberSign France to Secure French Companies' Online Administrative Procedures

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Paris, France, September 28, 2005 – Axalto (Euronext: NL0000400653 AXL), the world's leader in microprocessor cards, and ChamberSign France, the certification authority for French Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCI), have announced a partnership aimed at providing a e-services solution secured by Axalto smart cards. Under this agreement, Axalto is ChamberSign France's sole supplier, while LD Systèmes is responsible for smart card integration and customization. Several thousand French companies have already acquired this solution, and in the long term the two million companies registered with the Register of Commerce and Companies could be concerned.

The solution proposed by Axalto and ChamberSign offers companies – especially small and medium-sized ones – a practical, secure option for performing most of their online administrative procedures: management of their tax accounts, declarations to URSSAF (French social security offices), response to invitations to tender for government contracts and even invoice transmission. Other online applications, such as remote systems for VAT and vehicle logbook processing, are also accessible, thanks to electronic identity certificates recorded on the company smart card. For the user, this represents a considerable time saving, which is accompanied by significant cost reductions in terms of management of paper documents.

Axalto's e-gate solution enables companies to store their digital identity certificates easily, secure exchanges with their addressees and sign electronic documents. This digital signature has exactly the same legal validity as a handwritten signature. Approved by ChamberSign on transmission, it provides sender certification and guarantees document integrity.

"The simplicity of our solution, combined with the excellent reliability of Axalto products, has now made us the sole certification authority capable of issuing its customers with an electronic certificate in less than 48 hours," explains Olivier Demilly, Deputy Delegate General of ChamberSign France.

"We are proud of this partnership with ChamberSign France, the only French certification authority with a European dimension," comments Philippe Cambriel, president EMEA, Axalto. *"This collaboration opens up international development prospects for both partners, given the increasing need for simple, secure remote procedures - a demand that also exists in other European countries".*

About Axalto

Axalto (Euronext: NL0000400653 AXL) is the world's leading provider of microprocessor cards (Gartner 2005, Frost & Sullivan 2004) — the key to digital networks — and a major supplier of point-of-sale terminals. Its 4500 employees come from over 65 nationalities and serve customers in more than 100 countries, with worldwide sales exceeding 3 billion smart cards to date. The company has 25 years' experience in smart card innovation and leads its industry in security technology and open systems.

Axalto continuously creates new generations of products for use in a variety of applications in the telecommunications, finance, retail, transport, entertainment, healthcare, personal identification, information technology and public sector markets. Microprocessor cards provide convenience, security and privacy to public and private services operators, their customers and end users.

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