



Axalto First Smart Card Company in the World to Receive Prestigious Security Certification on Multiple Sites

Company achieves BS7799 certification, the most widely recognized information security standard in the world

Amsterdam, The Netherlands - November 3, 2005 – Axalto (Euronext NL0000400653 AXL), the world's leader of microprocessor cards, today announced it has achieved BS7799 certification for its smart card production and personalization centers of Tours (France) and Fareham (UK) and its development center in Austin (USA).

BS7799 is the most widely recognized information security standard in the world and will soon become ISO 27001. It provides a systematic approach to managing the protection of confidential company and customer information. BS7799 details stringent requirements for the implementation of an information security management system, including security policy, organizational and personnel security, communications and operations management, as well as business continuity management.

This award recognizes Axalto's commitment to ensuring the highest levels of information security and risk management. For the company's customers, this translates directly into increased trust as they can be assured of the integrity and security of their confidential data during information exchange, personalization process and product development. Achieving the BS7799 certification is an external endorsement of Axalto's continuous drive to benchmark itself against world-class practices.

"Axalto is the first smart card company to launch a voluntary program of certification for all of its production sites globally," said Eric Martinetti, quality and security manager at Axalto. "This success spurs us on to greater efforts, as we aim to have all of our production sites BS7799 certified within the next few months."

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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