



With Axalto's GloBall, Soccer Plays on Your Mobile Phone

Running on any handset, GloBall allows mobile subscribers to vote and share forecasts on soccer results

Amsterdam, The Netherlands – February 6, 2006 – Axalto (Euronext NL0000400653 AXL), the world's leader in microprocessor cards, today launched GloBall, an innovative SIM-based application that allows mobile subscribers to forecast and vote on soccer results for the 2006 competition. With GloBall, users also keep updated with the latest soccer news and can create groups to share their forecasts with friends through one-to-many messaging. Axalto will demonstrate GloBall at the 3GSM World Congress in Barcelona next week.

Through easy-to-navigate menus, subscribers can make short-term predictions and vote for the result and the score of each match. In addition, users can forecast results of the overall competition, which include the best player of the tournament, the total number of goals scored and the final winners. The Axalto solution makes it simple for users to request specific soccer information and it also enables operators to deliver up-to-the-minute scores as matches are played. In order to make the game even more attractive, GloBall provides subscribers with a one-to-many communication tool to share their predictions and have fun amongst friends.

With GloBall, Axalto provides operators with a turnkey solution to deploy attractive value-added services related to a most popular sports event, without the need to develop and install technology for a limited period. This comprehensive solution enables operators to outsource content provision and therefore, focus on their core business - distribution, promotion of customized GloBall package and service.

"By making it extremely simple and convenient for subscribers to access value-added services, GloBall allows operators to leverage the popularity of a worldwide gathering event and provide a unique mobile user experience." commented Xavier Chanay, President Product Marketing & Technique at Axalto.

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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