



Axalto Achieves ISO 14001 Environment-friendly Certification in Nine Production Sites

With the ISO 14001 certification, Axalto shows its leadership and high commitment to environment protection and sustainable development

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, March 23, 2005 – Axalto (Euronext NL0000400653 AXL), the world's leading provider of microprocessor cards, announced today it has received ISO 14001 certification in all of its production sites in Europe, Asia and the United States.

The facilities of Barcelona, Fareham, Orléans, Pont-Audemer and Tours in the Europe, Middle-East and Africa region, Hong-Kong, Shanghai and Changsha in Asia region, and Owing Mills in the USA are all ISO 14001 certified.

“Axalto is deeply committed to health safety and environmental protection, which we have shown by having our own Health Safety and Environment management system in place for now well over ten years,” said Eric Martinetti, Quality Security and HSE Manager at Axalto. *“As a company leading and setting the example in its industry, we felt it was important to benchmark ourselves against an internationally recognized environment management system and are proud that our nine industrial sites are fully compliant with ISO 14001.”*

ISO 14001, developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), is a series of voluntary environment management standards designed to enhance the protection of the environment, such as improvement of waste management, reduction of water consumption and energy control.

About Axalto

Axalto (Euronext: NL0000400653 AXL) is the world's leading provider of microprocessor cards (Gartner Dataquest 2004) — the key to digital networks — and a major supplier of point-of-sale terminals. Its 4500 employees come from 70 nationalities and serve customers in more than 100 countries, with worldwide sales reaching 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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