



International Jury Selects Eight Finalists in 2006 Axalto SIMagine Contest

Co-sponsored by Samsung Electronics and Sun Microsystems, the competition aims to stimulate innovative mobile applications and services using Java Card™ technology

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, February 10, 2006 – An international jury has selected the eight finalists from more than 300 entries in the 2006 Axalto SIMagine™ worldwide developer contest. Over the past six years, the Axalto SIMagine challenge, which aims to discover and promote new ideas for creative and powerful mobile services, has become the event of reference in the mobile value-added services world.

The exceptional prizes -- worth up to 60 000 euro plus the valuable development resources to take the winning ideas to commercialization -- attract entries from mobile service specialists, application developers, students and amateurs from all over the world. Using Java Card™ technology for SIM cards, which is advocated by Axalto, service providers can take advantage of its popular multi-application capability to quickly and continually deliver more value-added services, create new revenue opportunities, increase their subscribers' loyalty and grow their customer base.

The tough task of picking the winners from the extremely varied and creative group goes to an international jury drawn from major players in the mobile telecommunications world, including leading operators such as Maxis, Telcel, Telefonica Moviles and TIM, key Java™ technology figures and standards setters.

“Through this contest, Axalto is proud to help bring forward-thinking ideas and intuitive insights into market, making creative wireless services available for subscribers, “ stated Olivier Piou, chief executive officer of Axalto. “With nearly twice as many entries as last year, the Axalto SIMagine contest continues to catalyze smart ideas from all over the world, leveraging SIM capabilities while meeting operators and subscribers demand.”

The eight finalists are:

- EME international (Egypt), “m-card”: multiple ID/transactions cards on the SIM
- Etnoteam S.p.A (Italy), “simbad”: device management and service configuration
- Induslogic Inc. (India), “SIMsalvage”: disaster information and management
- Metasite Business Solutions (Lithuania), “StartDial”: speed dial mobile internet
- Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology (India), “mobile autocop”: SIM fraud prevention
- Seclab Group – University of Naples Federico II (Italy), “TrustedSIM”: trusted computing for mobile phones
- Vidatis (Brazil), “the virtual health pet”: interactive wellbeing monitoring
- Waptech Enterprise (Malaysia), “Child SIM”: parental control and monitoring

The eight finalists will be demonstrating their exciting new SIM card applications for GSM, GPRS, UMTS and 3G mobile phones during the 3GSM World Congress at Axalto booth **B07, Hall 8**. The final winners will be announced at the Axalto gala dinner on February 14.

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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