



Axalto Named “Hot Company” 2006 by Info Security Products Guide

AUSTIN, Texas, February 3, 2006 – Axalto’s leadership and innovation in the smart card market have earned it a spot among the elite “Hot Companies” for 2006 in the *Info Security Products Guide*, the world’s leading publication on security-related products and technologies. The Hot Companies selection recognizes industry players that provide end users with the most effective and deployable protective solutions against the next generation of highly sophisticated attacks.

What makes a company hot? According to *Info Security Products Guide*, the answer is solving a critical security problem that faces every individual, enterprise or government conducting commerce or sharing confidential information on the World Wide Web. Axalto's microprocessor card solutions are a key component in identity management solutions used today by corporate enterprises and government organizations such as Microsoft and the U.S. Department of Defense.

“At work or at play, each of us is unique. And each of us has a set of identity information that we want protected in the best possible way. Secure, portable and convenient, the smart card is the future of online identity protection for each of us,” said Damon Turnbull, marketing director, Axalto Americas. “In addition, the smart card platform enables easy migration to more advanced applications such as payment, remote access, trusted wireless or encryption.”

Selected from an industry analysis of more than 600 info security vendors around the world, Axalto received this prestigious honor based on a strict selection criteria of four Ps: the Products, People, Performance and Potential behind the company’s growing success.

The *Info Security Products Guide* cites Axalto’s business culture of collaboration, reliability and strong ethics; its work towards advancing industry standards; and the company’s many recent innovations including the Protiva, Cryptoflex .NET and Network Card technologies. To read Axalto’s “Hot Companies” 2006 complete review please see:
<http://www.infosecurityproductsguide.com/hot2006/Axalto.html>

“Axalto’s success in the market, broad range of products and contributions to promoting the industry make it a hot company,” said Rick Justice, chief editor, *Info Security Products Guide*. “With lower deployment costs and easy manageability, Axalto is not only shaping the smart card industry, but also contributing to the highest security and protection of vital digital resources.”

“The award would not have been possible without our customers,” added Turnbull. “They are the ones encouraging us to innovate and define new standards for trusted online communities.”

About Info Security Products Guide Awards

The *Info Security Products Guide* plays a vital role in keeping end users informed of the choices they can make when it comes to protecting their digital resources. It is written expressly for those who are adamant about staying informed of security threats and the preventive measures they can take. You will discover a wealth of information in this guide including award-winning case studies and deployment scenarios, people and technologies shaping info security and the best-selling products. The *Info Security Products Guide Awards* recognize and honor excellence in all areas of information security. To learn more, visit www.infosecurityproductsguide.com and stay secured.

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 60 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. For more info, please visit www.axalto.com

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