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OBERTHUR TECHNOLOGIES AND XIRING TO PROVIDE MOBILE NETWORK OPERATORS SIM-BASED TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION FOR IMPROVING SECURE ONLINE SERVICES

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Oberthur Technologies, one of the world's leading providers of Smart Card based solutions announced today its enhanced SIM-based two-factor authentication offer for secure online services in partnership with XIRING, the leading provider of card based strong authentication solutions for e-banking and e-commerce payments. With this offer, Oberthur Technologies once again demonstrates its leading edge SIM Token service which is part of its OPERA offering for high-end SIM cards.

"The need for protecting the identity of individuals on the internet is increasing. With our enhanced SIM Token solution enabling two-factor authentication, mobile network operators (MNO) can offer their customers secure online solutions based on SIM cards." said Olivier Leroux, Director of the Mobile Product Line at the Card Systems Division of Oberthur Technologies.

The SIM-based two-factor authentication from Oberthur Technologies allows mobile operators to deploy SIM Token One Time Password (OTP) technology. Today Oberthur Technologies' SIM Token application runs in any SIM Toolkit compliant mobile phone; with this partnership with XIRING, the very same SIM cards are compatible with a XIRING authentication device. One of the key benefits of this solution is that it is compatible with all internet appliances such as PC, Mac, Linux and Smartphones.

Oberthur Technologies' SIM Token solution together with XIRING provides mobile network operators an edge when deploying strong identification services in the following situations:

- When subscribers work in restricted areas where they cannot use their handsets
- When subscribers want to use this secure solution without being forced to change their SIM card

"This is a new market for our solutions dedicated to secure online services. Apart from the e-banking and e-commerce payment services where our solutions are already deployed by millions, there are a variety of online services requiring user authentication. We are pleased to offer this authentication solution in partnership with Oberthur Technologies to the MNOs." said Laurent Maitre, Marketing Director, XIRING.

About Oberthur Technologies

With sales of 879 million Euros in 2008, Oberthur Technologies is a world leader in the field of secure technologies. Innovation and high quality services ensure Oberthur Technologies' strong positioning in its main target markets:

- **Card Systems:** One of the world's leading providers of security and identification based on smart card technology and associated services for mobile, payment, transport, digital TV and convergence markets.

- **Identity:** International player for the manufacture and personalization of secure identity documents such as passport, identity card, driving license or health care card - traditional and electronic - and associated services for both governmental and corporate markets.
- **Fiduciary printing:** World's third largest private security printer specialized in high security for the production of banknotes, checks and other fiduciary documents in more than fifty countries.
- **Cash protection:** World leader in the emerging market of intelligent systems to secure cash-in-transit and ATM.

Close to its customers, Oberthur Technologies benefits from an industrial and commercial presence across all five continents.

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About XIRING:

Created in 1998, XIRING is a security solutions provider and develops security software embedded in smart card readers for strong authentication and digital signature. XIRING equips over 6 million users with remote card authentication solutions based on bank cards and is the leader of the professional solutions market for the SESAM-Vitale French healthcare scheme. XIRING posted revenues of €28.5 million in 2008. XIRING has been listed on Alternext / NYSE-Euronext Paris since Sept. 18th 2006. Code ISIN: FR0004155612, mnemonic ALXIR.

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