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XIRING Strengthens Innovation Policy by Joining SYSTEM@TIC PARIS-REGION and Transactions Electroniques Sécurisées (TES) Enterprise Clusters

Suresnes, 23 September 2009: XIRING, a security solutions provider for remote transactions, today announced the strengthening of its innovation policy by joining the global enterprise cluster SYSTEM@TIC, as part of the Thématique Sécurité & Défense Group, and TES cluster (Transactions Électroniques Sécurisées).

Innovation is one of XIRING's core values and the expertise of XIRING's engineers and their ability to come up with pioneering new technologies that shape the future of remote transaction security, led the company to join SYSTEM@TIC and TES enterprise clusters. These clusters bring together key industry players to work on common projects collaboratively.

Within the SYSTEM@TIC's Thématique Sécurité & Défense group, XIRING is making an active contribution to the R&D project FC² (Fédération des Cercles de Confiance). The FC² project aims to develop an end to end platform that will enable the secure development of new electronic services, based on transparent and federated identity management. This requires setting up a dedicated infrastructure for service providers, together with the provision of strong authentication services and privacy management. The solution must also guarantee a high level of protection from attacks against digital identity, along with ease of use, trust and multiple user applications.

The partnership with the SYSTEM@TIC and TES allows XIRING to:

- develop its position within the industry and research sectors and benefit from the network created by the two clusters;
- create synergies between a number of fields of expertise and thereby gain access to technical know-how in the Paris region and all over France;
- benefit from support for small and medium enterprises provided by the AMBITION PME programme, managed by the SYSTEM@TIC cluster in partnership with the

Paris-Ile-de-France Chamber of Commerce and Opticsvalley, with support from the French government and the Paris regional authorities;

- benefit from the specific support services for SMEs offered by the TES cluster.

In exchange, XIRING offers the SYSTEM@TIC and TES enterprise clusters:

- its contribution to joint R&D projects, particularly those involved in digital trust, owing to its expertise in the field of strong authentication applied to electronic identity management;
- its participation in think tanks for new technologies leading to the creation of new electronic services that will ensure both ease of use and respect of privacy.

Georges Liberman, CEO of XIRING, commented: *“Joining the SYSTEM@TIC and TES enterprise clusters is a key step in XIRING’s R&D policy. Our contribution to SYSTEM@TIC’s Thématique Sécurité & Défense group through R&D programmes involves us in technology projects for tomorrow and will ensure XIRING’s future positioning. Building trust and protecting private information relating to identity management are key factors in the development of the digital economy.”*

About SYSTEM@TIC

At the heart of the digital revolution, the 'World Class' enterprise cluster, SYSTEM@TIC PARIS-REGION, brings together more than 400 key players in the Paris area: large companies, SMEs and research centres working in the field of software-dominant systems with a strong societal dimension (Automobile & Transport, Telecommunications, Security & Defence) and two technological fields (Free and Open-Source Software and Systems Design and Development tools).

SYSTEM@TIC has led to the development of 186 joint R&D programmes, representing a total investment in R&D of nearly €900M and combined funding of nearly €360M by the French government, the economic development agencies ANR, EUREKA, FEDER and OSEO, and the local authorities.

For more information: www.systematic-paris-region.org

About TES

Located in the heart of Normandy – a region that has been closely involved in the ICT sector for many years – the TES cluster (Secure Electronic Transaction) brings together 115 key players: research laboratories, training centres, SMEs and major companies from all over France.

The 68 joint projects that bear the SYSTEM@TIC PARIS-REGION label focus on technical solutions designed for end users. Now that the results of the work carried out by the pioneers in the field are starting to be visible, the TES cluster is manifesting its intention to be recognized on an international level as a centre of excellence in the use of this technology.

Committed to developing new projects, the cluster focuses its activity on three main themes: contactless services, e-citizen and electronic administration.

For more information: www.pole-tes.com

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 has distributed over 10 million strong authentication solutions based on banking cards and compliant with MasterCard and Visa programs, and is the leader of the professional solutions market for the SESAM-Vitale French healthcare scheme. In 2008, XIRING posted a turnover of €28.5 million up 20% and an operating margin of €35 million up 62%. XIRING is listed on the Alternext compartment of the NYSE-Euronext Paris exchange since September 18, 2006. ISIN code: FR0004155612, Mnemonic: ALXIR.

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