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XIRING: France's Gendarmerie Nationale choose XIRING to secure access to its workstations

Suresnes, January 11 2010: XIRING, a security solutions provider for electronic transactions, today announced that it has been chosen by France's Gendarmerie Nationale, following a public call for tenders, to supply smart card readers to secure its workstations.

The steady implementation of e-administration infrastructure in France has led to the introduction of tighter systems in terms of data security. Within this environment, the Gendarmerie Nationale launched a call for tenders to supply secure smart card readers to equip its police officers' workstations.

XIRING has won this four year public sector contract that covers the supply of 40,000 secure smart card readers in 2010, and the possibility of a contract extension to cover up to 100,000 additional devices.

The XIRING solution takes the form of a secure desktop smart card reader which is connected to the workstation, with embedded software compliant with the French administration requirements. This system enables to manage access rights to the services, for which police officers have authorization, via a strong authentication process. It also offers the possibility of signing an electronic document, such as a police report.

Georges Liberman, CEO of XIRING commented: "We are proud to have won this symbolic Gendarmerie Nationale contract as it marks the starting point for supplying these security infrastructure to French government departments in a market where we position ourselves. This success illustrates XIRING's ability to address the emerging needs of government departments in terms of authentication and electronic signatures and to win public sector contracts with competitive and relevant offers."

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 €3.5 million up 62%. XIRING is listed on the Alternext compartment of the NYSE-Euronext Paris exchange since September 18, 2006.

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