

VKB-Bank Secures Online Banking Services with Gemalto's Ezio Solution in Austria

Amsterdam, July 17, 2012 – Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO), the world leader in digital security, announces that the VKB-Bank in Austria is deploying Gemalto's [Ezio Edge Optic](#) strong authentication solution to secure its eBanking services. Gemalto's unique optical smart card reader offers VKB's online customers an unmatched combination of security and convenience, as it requires no software to install and it reads directly on the personal computer screen, the tablet or the mobile device. The Ezio solution leverages the security of smart debit cards to authorize eBanking transactions and is compliant with the latest banking standards in Austria. The Ezio Edge Optic reader will be made available to all VKB customers at branch offices .

Ezio Edge Optic's compact design allows users to take it with them wherever they go. The device is simply placed in front of the screen and the securely encoded transaction data needed for verification and transaction signature generation that are displayed on the screen are instantly read. Once verified, users can easily and securely perform online transactions including money transfer and payments. The Gemalto Ezio Edge Optic requires no software installation on the user's computer or mobile device, making usage and adoption particularly easy.

"The Ezio Edge Optic is perfectly suited to meet our need to widely expand the possibility to sign transactions, while guaranteeing the convenience of Internet banking," commented Klemens Minichberger Head of payments transaction, VKB-Bank . "Its unrivaled portability and user-friendliness will make a real difference in increasing our customers' confidence, thus encouraging adoption."

"Austria is one of the most online safety-conscious countries in Europe and is setting a high standard for eBanking security," added Håkan Nordfjell, Senior Vice President of eBanking at Gemalto. "VKB-Bank is helping to continue this momentum by offering their customers secure, instant and 24/7 accessibility to their online bank. The Ezio Edge Optic will also enable VKB-Bank to deploy more advanced Internet services such as electronic document signing and secure international payments over the long term."

About Gemalto

Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO) is the world leader in digital security with 2011 annual revenues of €2 billion and more than 10,000 employees operating out of 74 offices and 14 Research & Development centers in 43 countries.

We are at the heart of our rapidly evolving digital society. Billions of people worldwide increasingly want the freedom to communicate, travel, shop, bank, entertain and work – anytime, everywhere – in ways that are convenient, enjoyable and secure. Gemalto delivers on their expanding needs for personal mobile services, payment security, identity protection, authenticated online services, cloud computing access, eHealthcare and eGovernment services, modern transportation solutions, M2M communication,.

Gemalto develops secure software that runs on trusted devices which we design and personalize. We manage these devices, the confidential data they contain and the services they enable, throughout their life cycle. We innovate so that our clients can offer more ways of enhancing the convenience and security of their end-users' digital lives.

Gemalto is thriving with the growing number of people using its software and secure devices to interact in the digital and wireless world.

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