

Gemalto provides end-to-end ePassport solution for the Sultanate of Oman

Amsterdam, 7 February, 2013 - Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO), the world leader in digital security, will provide the Royal Oman Police with an end-to-end electronic passport solution for the Sultanate. Applicants will be issued with state-of-the-art secure travel documents in line with Oman's goal to provide enhanced services and protection to its citizens, using the latest digital security technologies.

The turnkey solution encompasses Gemalto's ICAO* compliant [Sealys ePassport](#) documents, and a full [Coesys solution suite](#) to enroll citizens, personalize and issue secure documents. The multi-year contract also covers training, support and maintenance services.

Major Royal Oman Police offices will be equipped with fixed and mobile stations to register ePassport applicants with personal information and biometric data. Each ePassport will feature secure eTravel embedded software and a contactless microprocessor which will contain the holder's digital fingerprints and photograph to meet the uppermost in security and privacy requirements. The comprehensive solution will facilitate Omani travelers immigration control, and speed up the passport application and document issuance process.

"With this project we aim at offering security, flexibility and convenience to our citizens" commented Major General Dr Sulaiman Al-Harthy, of the Royal Oman Police. "Gemalto will support the smooth integration of the solution with the existing national registry system for eID cards. Gemalto has valuable experience in implementing ePassport programs globally and will provide us with local support through their offices in the Sultanate".

"Oman has been a pioneer in implementing advanced eGovernment solutions, being the first country in the GCC to issue its citizens with Gemalto electronic ID cards in 2002" said Hisham Surakhi, Vice President for Government Programs in the Middle East at Gemalto. "Now Oman is going one step further, complementing its electronic secure documents portfolio to make international travel simpler for its citizens, setting the pace in the region."

In the public sector, Gemalto is contributing to more than 80 government programs worldwide, supporting for example [ePassport initiatives](#) in Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Estonia, France, Korea, Norway, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Singapore, Sweden and the United States of America.

*The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) sets up security and safety specifications for e-Travel documents.

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, located in 43 countries.

We are at the heart of the 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 enjoyable and safe. Gemalto delivers on their expanding needs for personal mobile services, payment security, authenticated cloud access, identity and privacy protection, eHealthcare and eGovernment efficiency, convenient ticketing and dependable machine-to-machine (M2M) applications.

Gemalto develops secure embedded software and secure products which we design and personalize. Our platforms and services manage these secure products, the confidential data they contain and the trusted end-user services they enable. Our innovations enable our clients to offer trusted and convenient digital services to billions of individuals.

Gemalto thrives with the growing number of people using its solutions to interact with the digital and wireless world.

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