



Gemalto selected for Algerian ePassport

Amsterdam, May 22, 2014 - Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO), the world leader in digital security, announces it has been chosen to provide the Algerian governmental agency "Hôtel des Monnaies de la Banque d'Algérie" with its <u>Sealys eCover for ePassports</u> and embedded eTravel software to support the country's ambitious ePassport program, as well as to increase its production capacity. In this program Gemalto's technology is reinforced by its advanced production and delivery capabilities that will ensure rapid deployment of ePassports whilst enhancing traveling experience for Algerian citizens.

The embedded *Sealys* eTravel software is ICAO Common Criteria certified and achieves industry-leading speeds for both personalization and secure data access. As a result, the Hôtel des Monnaies de la Banque d'Algérie will benefit from improved personalization performance and cost reduction of ePassport issuance. In addition, Gemalto's *Sealys* eCovers meet the high durability and quality requirements of the Algerian program, thanks to their excellent wear resistance over the life time of the ePassport.

"We needed a reliable partner to ensure that the ePassports are delivered as quickly as possible to citizens throughout the country," stated the Hôtel des Monnaies de la Banque d'Algérie. "Gemalto has the global experience and service level, including redundancy production capabilities, to enable us to perform the smooth issuance of the documents in all phases of the program."

"The worldwide conversion from paper identity documents to eDocuments is continuing and Gemalto expects that over 50% of passports in circulation in 2017 will embed a microprocessor," said A. Bouzbib, Senior Vice President of Government Programs at Gemalto. "Algeria is following this worldwide trend and Gemalto's global experience will allow the Algerian authorities to realize their goals within the shortest possible timeframe."

About Gemalto

Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO) is the world leader in <u>digital security</u> with 2013 annual revenues of €2.4 billion and more than 12,000 employees operating out of 85 offices and 25 research and software development centers, located in 44 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. We develop secure embedded software and secure products which we design and personalize. Our platforms and services manage these products, the confidential data they contain and the trusted end-user services made possible.

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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