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Major U.S. student loan servicing agency implements Gemalto's authentication to comply with federal security standards

Amsterdam, March 12, 2015 – Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO), the world leader in digital security, is providing multi-factor authentication to MOHELA, one of the largest student loan servicers in the United States, with more than one million borrowers serviced. MOHELA selected Gemalto's IDPrime .NET converged badge **as their** strong authentication solution to comply with the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA). Under FISMA, it is mandatory for agencies funded by federal programs to use multi-factor authentication when accessing sensitive government data.

"A username and password alone is no longer an effective authentication security measure. While it is simpler for management, it leaves room for weak points of entry. Our Gemalto certificate-based solution offers a highly sophisticated technology and a significant improvement to our overall security," said Don Bertier, MOHELA's Chief Information Officer. *"With Gemalto's support, we successful piloted the solution within our IT organization making the full rollout to all MOHELA employees a smooth transition."*

Protecting information in the digital world is a growing concern for both the public and private sectors and [FISMA's accreditation](#) is based on three primary security objectives: the confidentiality, integrity and availability of systems and data. To meet these demands, MOHELA needed a simple solution that was compatible with their existing infrastructure. Gemalto's IDPrime .NET Converged Badge with its advanced support for public key infrastructure (PKI) integrates seamlessly with MOHELA's existing Microsoft® environment for an easy deployment and user desktop experience. Interoperability of the technology with MOHELA's existing physical badge access system was also a business necessity, resulting in fewer complexities and lower costs.

"Implementing our strong authentication technology, MOHELA has an all-in-one credential that employees can use to gain access to a building and for login to their workstations," said Thomas Flynn, Vice President of Sales for Identity and Access at Gemalto. *"MOHELA IT administrators benefit from a higher level of security and FISMA compliance, while employees enjoy the convenience of carrying a single form factor."*

About Gemalto

Gemalto (Euronext NL0000400653 GTO) is the world leader in digital security with 2014 annual revenues of €2.5 billion and more than 14,000 employees operating out of 99 offices and 34 research and software development centers, located in 46 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 enables companies and administrations to offer trusted and convenient digital services to these individuals. We secure in particular mobile services, the financial transactions, the internet and private clouds, eHealthcare systems, access to eGovernment services, the internet-of-things, and transport ticketing systems. Our unique technology portfolio from cryptographic software embedded in a variety of familiar objects to high-volume high-availability authentication, encryption and rights management platforms and world class service delivery teams are valued by our blue-chip customers in more than 180 countries around the world.

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