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FIME and Thales Combine Expertise to Deliver Security and Functional Evaluation Services

08 December 2011 - FIME, an independent global leader in consulting and integration testing services for smart devices, secure chip applications and near field communication (NFC) technology, has announced its partnership with Thales ITSEF (IT Security Evaluation Facility), a world leader in information systems and secure communication in the global markets of defence, security and transportation. This collaboration will provide a new integrated offering – functional testing and security assessment – which meets the needs of the market as well as supporting technological developments in the field of security.

Through this partnership, Thales ITSEF will combine its product security evaluation expertise in the mobile payment sector and NFC technology with FIME's global presence and functional assessment experience to provide an integrated testing and certification service. The offering will assist companies in achieving certification for industry standards, such as Common Criteria and EMVCo, and private schemes including MasterCard, Visa and CRI (Cryptography Research Incorporated).

Thales and FIME will both continue to support their respective clients throughout the development phase of a secure chip application or device, preparing for the certification process and launching to market.

Pascal Le Ray, CEO of FIME, comments: "FIME is delighted to align its knowledge with Thales to assist its clients in achieving the required security approvals from industry bodies and service providers. As markets converge to deliver complex services on secure chips, there is a real need to ensure the highest level of security is implemented across all products to instil market confidence and create a trusted ecosystem. We look forward to working with Thales to advance our respective offerings and believe this will provide significant value to the industry."

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About FIME

FIME is an independent global leader in consulting and integration testing services for smart devices and secure chip-based applications within the telecom, e-payment, transport, e-identity and logistic sectors. Its international team works with manufacturers, banks and authorities within these markets throughout the research and development lifecycle to provide expertise on sector requirements, functional and security features and industry regulation.

Since 1995, FIME has established global ISO 17025 accredited laboratories which provide official testing and certification services to validate a solution's compliance and security before launch. FIME's technical ability ensures a customer's solution is secure, interoperable and achieves the highest level of industry standardisation.

With over 200 employees and operating across America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, India and Asia, FIME has worked with leading international schemes such as American Express, First Data, JCB, MasterCard and Visa to bring pioneering and convenient chip-based services to end users. www.fime.com