



FIME Accredited by Visa to Deliver VMPA Testing

08 November 2013 – Advanced secure-chip testing expert, FIME, has been accredited by Visa to deliver Visa Mobile Payment Application (VMPA) testing. This extends FIME's existing Visa payment card and terminal testing portfolio to also include the validation of a Visa payment application on a secure element (SE).

VMPA is a secure applet that resides in the SE and transforms an NFC phone into a payment device, enabling consumers to pay for low cost goods and services by 'waving' their smartphone in front of a contactless payment terminal.

FIME has been accredited by Visa to validate the VMPA application on all SE form factors including microSD, UICC and embedded SE.

Stephanie El Rhomri, NFC & Payments Vendor Business Line Manager at FIME, adds: "We are witnessing increasing demand for mobile payment testing from our customers, who are looking to capitalise on the many opportunities this advancing technology offers. It is important to FIME that we meet these needs and deliver a comprehensive portfolio of testing services to support the evolution of the mobile payments landscape. We are therefore delighted to build on our Visa accreditations and offer VMPA test services."

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Notes to editors:

* SEPA currently consists of the 27 EU Member States plus Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Monaco. Within SEPA, bank customers can make electronic euro payments across 32 countries under the same basic rights and obligations (source: [European Payments Council website](#))

ABOUT FIME

FIME advances end-to-end transaction solutions and mobile services, enabling market security and interoperability.

As an independent worldwide leader in consulting and testing services, FIME ensures the compliance of mobile devices and chip-based applications to industry standards. Its international team works with manufacturers, banks and authorities within the EMV payments, mobile near field communication (NFC), telecom, transport and e-identity sectors.

FIME offers a local presence across America, Asia, Europe, Middle East and Africa, and India, through its team of over 250 experts and consultants. Since 1995, FIME has expanded its global network of ISO 17025 accredited laboratories which provide official testing and certification services. FIME's technical R&D expertise supports its customers' technology implementations, accelerating time to market.

FIME partners with leading schemes and industry bodies to provide certifications and enhance the secure chip ecosystem: ACT Canada, American Express, ANSSI, Calypso Networks Association, Discover, eftpos, EMVCo, First Data, French National RFID Centre (CNRfid), GIXEL, GlobalPlatform, GSMA, Interac, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Isis, JCB, MasterCard, NFC Forum, OSCar Consortium, Smart Card Alliance and Visa.

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