



NPCI appoints FIME to set up the certification body for India's Payment Scheme, RuPay

FIME to define, manage and execute certification programme for RuPay

6 March 2014 – National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the umbrella organisation of all retail payment systems in the country, has appointed advanced secure-chip testing provider FIME to deliver its RuPay certification programme. NPCI will utilise FIME's expertise in setting up EMV®-based certification board for its card payment scheme- RuPay.

FIME will define the certification specification, laboratory setup, test plan specification, test tools and operate the certification board for RuPay. FIME will also be involved in setting up the certification process including the associated administrative and business operations. This certification board will be effective from March 2014.

This will ensure all payment cards and point-of-sale terminals deployed under the brand align to the requirements of RuPay specifications. It will also ensure necessary infrastructural alignment of acquirers and issuers with the payment system.

Prakash Sambandam, Director of FIME India says: "Many countries have, or are in the process of migrating to the EMV payment standard. Transitioning to a chip payment infrastructure will take time and require the implementation of new product development cycles. Adhering to RuPay, an EMV payment scheme will ensure that the products achieve the required functional and security standards and perform as intended, once live in the marketplace. This level of compliance is vital to ensure product interoperability and security optimisation".

In addition to enhanced security, the new payment platform presents opportunities to deliver advanced payment solutions – such as mobile and contactless payments – which are based on secure-chip technology. Prakash further explains: "The deployment of RuPay, an EMV payments technology in India, will create an international transaction framework which will support India's long-term payment needs. This is an exciting time for payments in India and we are delighted to be performing such an integral role in the evolution of this infrastructure."

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About NPCI

NPCI is set up by major banks in India with the support and guidance from Indian Banks' Association. The organization has been mandated to build and operate central infrastructure for payment systems like ATM Switching, Immediate Mobile Payments Service, Cheque Truncation System, Automated National Clearing House, Card Network i.e. "RuPay" and Financial Inclusion transactions. The organization has also a mandate to build a domestic card payment scheme.

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About FIME

FIME is a trusted consultant and advanced end-to-end testing services provider within the payment, mobile telecom, e-ID and transit sectors. Its work ensures the successful and efficient market integration of products and solutions which use secure chips. Its wealth of testing knowledge and skills accelerates product time to market and promotes security, interoperability and confidence that products will deliver optimum performance once launched.

FIME has extensive EMV testing expertise working with banks, technology providers and authorities to develop the testing frameworks for international and domestic EMV-compliant payment schemes. In more recent years FIME has led testing activity that supports the validation of secure applications to facilitate the deployment of near-field-communication (NFC) services, and advances within the trusted execution environment (TEE) and trusted service manager (TSM) ecosystems.

To ensure global testing expertise is delivered within a regional framework, FIME is expanding its network of ISO 17025 accredited laboratories and operations. It currently offers a local presence across America (Canada and the United States), Asia (India, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan), Europe (France), and the Middle East (Dubai).

FIME partners with leading payment schemes and industry bodies to provide certifications and enhance the secure-chip ecosystem: American Express, Calypso Networks Association, Discover, eftpos, EMVCo, EMV Migration Forum, First Data, Global Certification Forum (GCF), GlobalPlatform, GSMA, Interac, Isis, JCB, MasterCard, Network for Electronic Transfers (NETS), NFC Forum, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), National Standard for Chip Card Specification (NSICC), OSCar Consortium and Visa.

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