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Banksys showcases its SSL-enabled payment terminals for secure transactions sent over the Internet at EuroCIS 2007

Brussels, Belgium, 31 January 2007 — Banksys, an Atos Worldline company dedicated to electronic payment services, will showcase its SSL-enabled XENTA countertop payment terminals at its stand 1C04 at EuroCIS in Düsseldorf, from 27 February to 1st March 2007. The solution offers security, fast transaction speeds and a low communication cost. Pilots of the SSL-enabled terminals have been deployed in Germany since July 2006.

With Banksys' XENTA and XENTISSIMO terminals, merchants can now use standard Internet connections to carry out secure payment transactions at high speed, without additional communication costs per transaction. The SSL-secure solution is mainly targeted at customers who wish to use their existing broadband Internet connection for payment transactions. More than 5000 Banksys SSL-enabled terminals have been deployed in total since their commercial availability.

Not only broadband Internet connections (DSL or cable) but also GPRS communication can benefit from SSL to secure the transfer of data related to transactions. GPRS is implemented on Banksys payment terminals and offers a flexible and cost-attractive solution for mobile as well as countertop payment devices. Next to an 'SSL-enabled' terminal, all the merchant needs is an Internet connection or GSM/GPRS contract.

"Our ultimate goal is to lower the total cost of ownership of payment terminals for the merchants and by doing so, to make electronic payments more widely available," explains Vincent Roland, CEO of Banksys. "Compared to conventional PSTN or ISDN configurations, this innovative solution offers cost-savings by using existing, cost-attractive connections, as well as faster speeds since the broadband Internet connection is 'on' at all times."

Banksys chose to implement the SSL 3.0 protocol on its payment terminals to guarantee total privacy for its Internet-secure solution. SSL, an acronym for "Secure Socket Layer", is a well-established security protocol that provides communication security over the Internet, using keys to encrypt the data. It prevents eavesdropping, tampering or message forgery. SSL creates a secure connection between client (the terminal) and server (the host) over which any amount of data can be sent securely.

Visit us at EuroCIS 2007, on stand 1C04 for a demonstration of the XENTA Internet terminal.

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About Banksys

Banksys was founded in 1989, as the result of the merger of the Mister Cash and Bancontact networks. Its principal mission is the authorization, security and guarantee of electronic payments in Belgium. Next to its processing activities, Banksys capitalizes on its know-how for the development of terminals and payment applications like "banxafe" and "mobile banxafe". Banksys also operates a wide set of services such as terminal maintenance and CardStop to merchants and cardholders. Banksys has approximately 1000 employees nowadays. In 2006 Banksys performed over 1,05 billion transactions through an acceptance network of 120,000 merchants. On December 7th 2006, Banksys was taken over by Atos Origin, through its subsidiary Atos Worldline, thus creating a European leader in Payment Services, with combined pro forma 2006 revenues of EUR 630 million and 4,000 employees.

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