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MÜHLBAUER SELECTED FOR SPANISH E-ID CARD PILOT

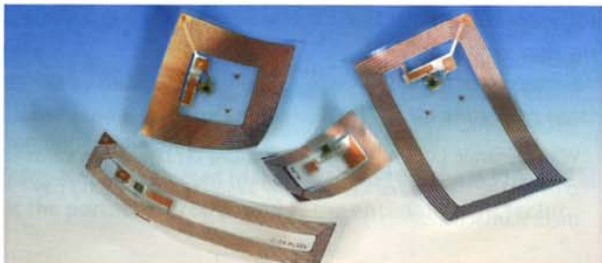
Mühlbauer has announced that the company's Express Solution CLP54 has been chosen for the pilot phase of the Spanish national identity card project. Mühlbauer is a strategic partner of Indra, the prime contractor for the implementation of the decentralized infrastructure for the personalization of Spain's new national ID cards. The machines were scheduled to be delivered at the beginning of 2006.

The CLP 54 enables the Spanish police authorities to produce fully operational security documents and ID cards on-site. Within minutes a card can be graphically and electronically personalized with the new holder's personal and biometric information. A total of more than 35 machines have already been ordered from Mühlbauer. After completing the official pilot phase in May 2006, the Spanish government intends to equip up to 350 police stations nationwide with decentralized ID card personalization solutions. The installation of the world's first national decentralized infrastructure for personalizing ID cards is set to be in place by the end of 2007.

TI SELLS SENSORS & CONTROLS, KEEPS RFID SYSTEMS

Texas Instruments (TI) has announced the signing of a definitive agreement to sell its Sensors & Controls business to affiliates of Bain Capital, a leading global private equity investment firm, for \$3 billion in cash. TI pointed out that the sale will not include the radio frequency identification (RFID) systems operations, which will remain part of Texas Instruments. Sensors & Controls, which is headquartered in Attleboro, Massachusetts, supplies engineered sensors and controls to the appliance, climate control, industrial, automotive, lighting, and aircraft markets. With annual revenue exceeding \$1 billion, Sensors & Controls has around 5,400 employees in the Americas, Europe and Asia.

According to TI president and chief executive officer Rich Templeton, TI will intensify its focus on its core digital signal processing and analog semiconductor opportunities, while Sensors & Controls will have greater access to the investment and strategic resources it needs to fuel its future growth.



MAJOR REAL-TIME AFIS PROJECT FOR SOUTH KOREAN POLICE

Korean IT company HIT (Hyundai Information Technology) and US-based CMT (Cross Match Technologies) are to deliver an advanced real-time AFIS (Automatic Fingerprint Identification System) and 840 live scan devices to the Korean National Police Agency (KNPA) for their national e-CRIS (Criminal Record Information System) project. The contract awarded to HIT for the implementation of a nationwide system for the secure identification of fingerprints is valued at over 14m USD. HIT will provide its AFIS technology for real-time verification and identification of fingerprints to the central system with more than 12m fingerprints. HIT claim that verification takes just a matter of seconds. CMT, a leader in the global live scan market, will provide HIT with the live scanners to capture and store live fingerprint images.

FUNDING FOR INFINEON SPIN-OFF RFIT SOLUTIONS

Pontis Venture Partners and Paris-based spin-off specialist Truffle Venture have invested in RfiT Solutions, a spin-off from leading semiconductor group Infineon. The financing round will serve to advance the international expansion of RfiT's Your Open Operating Environment, a leading RFID platform for system integrators. Public leverage from the Austria Wirtschaftsservice federal agency complemented the first financing round with a guarantee under the TFP program and a seed-financing grant. RfiT will receive a total of 4 million euro in this first financing round.

BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGY FOR CROATIAN POLICE

Following international bidding, Sagem Défense Sécurité has signed a contract with Croatia's Ministry of the Interior to supply the country's first Automated Fingerprint & Palmprint Identification System (APFIS). Until now, the Croatian Ministry of the Interior had processed its tenprint collection manually. The introduction of MetaMorpho APFIS, which will be implemented in a central site in Zagreb and five remote sites across the country, will allow the police force to identify criminals far more quickly. The system will have a capacity of 250,000 tenprints and 100,000 palmprints.

CISCO INVESTS IN THINGMAGIC

ThingMagic, a leading developer of RFID technology, announces that it has received additional funding. New investors include Cisco Systems, a leader in networking for the Internet, and Nicholas Negroponte, Wiesner Professor of Media Technology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and founding chairman of MIT's Media Laboratory. ThingMagic's private financing totals \$21 million, including a line of credit from Silicon Valley Bank. Already partnering with a number of RFID industry leaders, ThingMagic represents a natural fit for Cisco's RFID strategy.