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## **Cross Match Technologies biometric identity solutions successfully participates in ePassport Interoperability test**

Cross Match Technologies successfully participated in this year's ePassport Interoperability test, which took place earlier this month in Berlin, Germany. The event was organized by the German Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI), the German Institute for Standardization (DIN), and others. The aim of the test was to understand how well chip-based ePassports have been designed and how fast and easily they can be read by the passport readers from different manufacturers currently available on the market.

The first of this series of passport interoperability test events took place in 2004 in Canberra and further tests followed in Morgantown, Sydney, Baltimore, Tsukuba and Singapore. Cross Match's AUTHENTICATOR was able to read all of the ePassports presented at the test. Cross Match Technologies was also recognized as one of the top five companies from an interoperability standpoint in the results published from the last round of passport interoperability testing in Singapore.

All in all, more than 170 companies and organizations participated in the 2006 ePassport Interoperability test, and more than 450 people from 38 nations attended the event. The AUTHENTICATOR took less than 8 seconds to read and analyze all data from the passports from the time the passport was placed on the device, until the time the analysis of the data was completed.

Cross Match Technologies uses its own software rather than the Golden Reader Tool (GRT). Cross Match is one of the vendors who offers the entire range of tools for document inspection (optical, RFID, crypto functions such as Basic Access Control and Passive Authentication).

"We are proud to offer a One Step Inspection device that allows the border control officer to place the passport on the device and after just a few seconds have all relevant data available – no separate reading of MRZ, no manual entering of personal data, no searching for the chip or the certificate. This allows the officer to concentrate on the travellers instead of being concerned with the document reader device," said Uwe Richter, senior vice president of the Product Management Office of Cross Match Technologies. "The AUTHENTICATOR's ergonomic design, ease-of-use, and range of functionalities make the device ideally suited for border control applications."