



Axalto Provides the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) with Smart Card Software and Computing Products

Austin, TX, September 15, 2005 – Axalto, Inc. is providing the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (NCSA), a non-profit research center for cutting edge computing technologies, with smart cards, readers and related software. To promote the integration of smart card technology with advanced computing systems, Axalto provided products to the NCSA that will aid in the exploration of numerous aspects of security technologies, usability, interoperability and equipment.

“NCSA is one of the world's premier computing research organizations that has contributed heavily to the history of computing,” commented Damon Turnbull, marketing director, Americas for Axalto. “Now, as they shape the future, we're happy to work with them to further demonstrate how our technology makes interactions with the digital world not just easier but also more secure.”

This donation continues a long relationship that started when Axalto was a beta user of NCSA Mosaic™, the first graphical Web browser widely available to the public. As a technology provider for contact and contactless smartcards, Axalto donated various Microsoft Windows™ compatible products to assist the NCSA in building a Security/Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Testbed Showcase that will be used to expand, evaluate and recommend smart card and related technologies.

Among the products donated by Axalto are Cryptoflex™ and Cyberflex™ smart cards that will enable the NCSA to investigate Windows secure login and secure e-mail applications that extend the use of smart cards and are on the cutting edge of security technology. Through this donation, Axalto hopes to facilitate the incorporation of smart card technology into future pioneering advances in computing developed by the NCSA

“If NCSA can use smart card technology to provide secure remote access, it is like putting the power to control a supercomputer in your hand and that's a future Axalto wants to support,” added Turnbull.

About NCSA

NCSA opened its doors in January 1986 as one of the five original centers in the National Science Foundation's Supercomputer Centers Program and a unit of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The center earned and maintains an international reputation in high-performance computing and networking and in developing innovative software applications. NCSA greatly broadened the user base of remote supercomputing and the Internet with NCSA Telnet in 1987. In 1992, the center introduced NCSA Mosaic, the first readily-available graphical Web browser. For more information, please visit www.ncsa.uiuc.edu

About Axalto

Axalto (EURONEXT:NL0000400653) is the world's leading provider (Gartner 2005, Frost & Sullivan 2004) of microprocessor cards - the key to digital networks - and a major supplier of point-of-sale terminals. Its 4,500 employees, from over 60 nationalities, serve customers in more than 100 countries, with worldwide sales reaching over 3 billion smart cards to date. With a 25-year experience in smart card innovation, the company leads its industry in security technology and open systems.

Axalto creates new generations of products for use in a variety of applications in the telecommunications, finance, retail, transport, entertainment, healthcare, personal identification, information technology and public sector markets. Microprocessor cards provide convenience, security and privacy to public and private services operators, their customers and end users. For more information, please visit www.axalto.com.

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