



PRESS RELEASE

SMARTRAC lays foundation stone for highly secure eID inlay production site in Germany

Amsterdam, November 16, 2009 – SMARTRAC N.V., a leading manufacturer and supplier of RFID transponders, today announced that it has started construction of an RFID inlay production facility for eID products in Germany. Work on the enlargement of the existing production facility has already started at the site in Reichshof-Wehnrath.

SMARTRAC already produces transponders for the industry and logistics market segments in Reichshof-Wehnrath. The site is now being enlarged to accommodate a production environment for the manufacture of highly secure RFID inlays for electronic identification (eID) documents such as passports and National ID Cards. To this end, the company plans to set up a high security environment compliant with the EAL 5+ security standard, comparable to what is already in place in its high security facility in Thailand.

With the enlargement of the existing production facility, the company intends to exploit synergies and turn the location in Reichshof-Wehnrath into a European competence centre. Further benefits of the site arise from the competencies and depth of experience of the employees on site with the specific requirements of the production of security critical RFID transponders for the automotive industry.

“The extension work in Reichshof-Wehnrath is in line with our strategy to support our customers with a worldwide network of highly secure inlay production sites”, says Dr. Christian Fischer, CEO of SMARTRAC. “As the global market leader for highly secure RFID inlays for the eID market we are well prepared for the future, and now with the enlargement of the site and the resultant additional capacity, even more so.”

About SMARTRAC N.V.

SMARTRAC is a leading manufacturer and supplier of RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) components for a broad bandwidth of applications in all current frequency standards. The company produces ready-made as well as customized transponders for public transport, access control, animal identification, industry and logistics.

SMARTRAC is the global leader in high-quality RFID inlays for passports with integrated, contactless chips (ePassports), contactless credit cards (ePayment) as well as for RFID transponders for public transportation applications and car immobilizers. SMARTRAC was founded in 2000 and since going public in July 2006 has been trading as a stock corporation under Dutch law with its registered headquarters in Amsterdam. The company currently employs some 2,600 employees and maintains a global research and development, production and sales network.



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