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WISeKey and HRD International Group Signed Today an Agreement to

Establish a CertifyID National Identity Systems (NIS) in South Korea Interconnecting the Incheon Intelligent City/WTC and Other Major WTCs Such as Busan, Daegu, Masan and Jeju to Intelligent-Secure City projects in Asia, Europe and USA via a Secure Backbone

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This agreement with WISeKey provides the security to interconnect the Incheon Intelligent City/WTC

<http://www.fez.go.kr/english/index.php?m=city> and Busan WTC

<http://www.wtcb.org/> with the Geneva Switzerland Secure Hub

<http://www.wtcecommerce.com> and HRD U.S. regional office located at World Trade Center Washington Hub www.itcdc.com/

The first ever Global Backbone integrating National Identity Systems (NIS) for Intelligent Cities in Asia, Europe, US will be secured using WISeKey technologies.

WISeKey was selected by the HRD International Group to provide the technology allowing them to interconnect several facilities at the Intelligent Cities/Korean World Trade Centers such as Incheon, Busan, Daegu, Masan and Jeju via the WISeKey CertifyID Secure backbone ® and Trusted Network. This CertifyID Secure Backbone will be the first ever global network providing both virtual and physical Secure Electronic Transactions, strong authentication for eIDS (electronic identities) and National Identity Systems (NIS). For instance, the Incheon Intelligent City/WTC, a 15-minute drive from IIA after the completion of the Second Airport Bridge, will be developed as a center for Asia-Pacific multinational headquarters, global business, and a high value-added knowledge-based and information industrial complex.

The cooperation with the HRD International Group includes minority investment in WISeKey SA and the establishment of a joint venture company with the name WISeKey S. Korea to expand WISeKey technology in S. Korea and the Asia Pacific Region, in cooperation with leading public and private Funds represented by HRD. The Joint Venture will include the possibility to establish WISeKey Joint Ventures for countries in the Asia Pacific region.

"We are very happy working with WISEKey to secure the building infrastructures and eIDs access controls for the existing buildings we operate in Seoul and Washington together with the new projects such as Incheon Intelligent City/WTC. The HRD International Group will expand the reach of this unique technology in the Asia Pacific region and will foster the acceptance of PKI among leading institutions in the region", said Dr. David H. Lee, Chairman of HRD International.

"WISEKey provides high security for communications, identity and information, which S. Korea really needs" added Mr. Joshua Kiheon Roh, President of WTC Busan.

Philippe Doubre, Secretary General WTC Geneva, commented: "The fact of connecting Geneva, Seoul and Washington via this backbone secured by WISEKey will make possible to conduct online transactions with authenticated parties via the WTC's. Geneva is proud to be part of this backbone".

"This expands WISEKey's reach to the Asia Pacific Region and the United States and constitutes a major step for WISEKey enabling it's unique Trust Network and National Identity Systems (NIS) technology to expand to new areas of the world fostering the relation between these unique intelligent cities hosting the best research and development the world is producing in our days", said Carlos Moreira, Chairman of WISEKey SA.

One of the features of this project is that the entire backbone and buildings will use smart materials with eID tags provided by WISEKey to ensure the security and traceability of the elements constituting the infrastructure. This infrastructure is part of the WISEKey expansion from the existing state-of-the-art secure facilities in the Swiss Alps with a new set of ultra secure data centers operated by WISEKey and located within the heart Intelligent Buildings in Geneva, Washington and Seoul. The Swiss Alps facility hosts since 1999 the WISEKey root certificate owned by the Organisation Internationale pour la S curit  des Transactions Electroniques (OISTE.org) and other ultra secured data services