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"Identity Management Symposium" of vps ID Systeme and Secorvo Security Consulting a raving success

Discussions and lectures themed

"Are you still checking, or have you already identified?"

Stuttgart / Karlsruhe, Germany, April 30, 2008 – vps ID Systeme, a subsidiary of Digital Identification Solutions AG, a leading international ID solutions provider, and Secorvo Security Consulting GmbH, Karlsruhe, jointly hosted a two-day identity management symposium. Leading industry experts held speeches and presentations and participated in round table discussions.

At "Buhlsche Mühle," a convention centre in Karlsruhe-Ettlingen, over 60 participants met on April 22/23 discussing questions regarding identity management, efficient organization of access authorization and file access of employees in companies and agencies. Numerous large and midsize organizations, such as BASF, Bosch, the German Pension Fund, Evonik and RWE, as well as universities and research facilities were present at the symposium and showcased their field-proven concepts.

Apart from success stories, pitfalls and difficulties were also discussed at the symposium. Identity management systems permitting access control to buildings, cashless payment in the staff canteen, timekeeping, encryption of electronic messages, and secure dial-in into corporate networks (from the home office or while out and about) nowadays are no longer technical magic, but also affordable for small and medium-sized companies. However, before these systems can be implemented, preparatory work has to be performed, such as correcting and completing personnel data systems or structuring access authorizations with respect to data and software, because electronic identification of employees and assignment of access rights can only be organized properly in a "tidy" environment.

Successful projects in numerous companies show that employees appreciate the convenience of having only one ID card, instead of using many different PINs, passwords, or identifications. "This method simplifies organizational processes and reduces operational costs. At the same time, the company achieves a higher security level because lost ID cards can be blocked immediately, in contrast to lost keys or cracked passwords," says Dirk Fox, Director of Secorvo, summarizing the most important benefits. All the same, identity management is not more than a wish on the list in many companies. "As far as identity management is concerned, we are still in the Stone Age." says Juergen Koenig, Director of vps.

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The first "Identity Management Symposium" was a raving success and welcome by all participants. The symposium is set to take place again in the next year as a platform to share experiences in the field of identity management.

For further information please visit: <http://www.identity-management-symposium.de>.

About Digital Identification Solutions

The Digital Identification Solutions Group, headquartered in Esslingen near Stuttgart, is a global provider of advanced identification solutions with a worldwide installed base of more than 6,500 systems. In September 2007, the Group introduced the latest *ED/secure*® XID 5xxie Retransfer Printer generation successfully into the world market. The company has sales, marketing and support operations in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, China, Mexico and the United States. Together with its vast network of certified partners, Digital Identification Solutions is in a position to deliver state-of-the-art solutions anywhere in the world. The company combines cutting-edge technology, extensive industry know-how and an impressive array of references in the private and public sector.

For further information please visit www.digital-identification.com

About vps ID Systeme

vps ID Systeme GmbH, a leading European supplier of professional IT solutions for identity management, has been providing cutting-edge card personalization and management software solutions since 1992. With the IDExpert product line vps is driving the industry towards innovative web-based card management. Today, the company caters for all market requirements with solutions ranging from compact systems for small quantities of photo IDs to enterprise-level solutions for large numbers of chip-based multi-functional cards. Card applications range from access control and electronic ticketing, to ePassports, national IDs, and health cards. Based in Ettlingen, Germany, vps serves its worldwide client-base through direct sales and via its partner network.

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