Oberthur & NXP Announce Licensing Agreement for MIFARE on SIM Cards

The Netherlands, 11th February – Oberthur Technologies has announced a licensing agreement for NXP Semiconductors' MIFARE™ technology. This agreement enables Oberthur to integrate MIFARE™ into its SIM cards globally. This will further drive the adoption of NFC-enabled phones in infrastructures such as public transit, event ticketing, customer loyalty programs and access control around the globe. Under this agreement, Oberthur will expand its existing UICC product portfolio adding MIFARE DESFire™ and MIFARE Plus™ technology. This will lead to increased availability of UICC cards incorporating MIFARE™ technology, allowing mobile operators and service providers to broaden their offerings in mobile contactless services. MIFARE™ is the most widespread contactless smart card technology worldwide, providing the benchmark for performance, flexibility and security.

"We are pleased to add MIFARE DESFire™ and MIFARE Plus™ technology to our existing portfolio. This new application will contribute to provide appropriate answers to customers' need in the field of transport, access management, loyalty and payment", said Cédric Collomb, General Manager of the Card Systems Division of Oberthur Technologies. "MIFARE™ is the driving force behind contactless infrastructures around the world. With this agreement we bring the convenience of MIFARE™ technology to even more consumers with Oberthur's strong position in SIM markets," said Henri Ardevol, General Manager of the Secure Transactions business unit at NXP Semiconductors. "This significant expansion of the MIFARE™ licensing program further underscores the importance of MIFARE™ as an open architecture platform for end-to-end solutions encompassing both smart cards and smart devices such as NFC equipped mobile phones."
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