

News Release

SAFE ID kick starts 2006 with three passport personalization deals

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SAFE ID Solutions AG has been chosen to provide three governments with manual inkjet-based solutions for the personalization of ICAO-compliant Machine Readable Travel Documents. The decision by the three countries – in Latin America, the Middle East and Africa – to adopt this technology was based on print quality, range of optional features to improve yield and efficiency, and cost. All three countries will start issuing the travel documents in the first quarter of 2006.



Under the terms of the agreement, SAFE ID is not able to name the countries involved. "However, the fact that three projects have been secured by our company in the first two months of 2006, reflects the massive demand for new ICAO-compliant passports and ePassports worldwide," says Oscar Lazaro, VP Sales & Marketing at SAFE ID.

"All three projects confirm SAFE ID's position as a high-quality solution provider focusing on printing quality, security and a range of customized features that improve yield and efficiency rates which today are important factors when personalizing and issuing state-of-the-art travel documents," he adds.

The evaluation process of different personalization systems has shown that qualitative features such as high-resolution 2D-Barcode printing, UV printing or yield improvements through accurate data alignment in ICAO-compliant passports are a challenge for conventional passport printing hardware. SAFE ID's manual personalization systems (MS 100) address these challenges with their piezo inkjet technology.

In all three projects, SAFE ID focused on the importance of quality and security in the passport printing process. "The expertise of SAFE ID specialists in areas such as RFID as well as upgrading systems to be ePassport-compliant was a key factor in our clients' decisions to order from us," says Lazaro.

About SAFE ID Solutions AG

SAFE ID Solutions AG provides integrated security solutions to the global ID market to increase security and convenience in the issuance and personalization process. The company focuses on providing a personalization software solution and producing inkjet-based personalization systems to ensure the seamless introduction and management of new generation ID documents – such as ePassports – based on RFID technology. SAFE ID has customer references with manual as well as fully automated personalization systems in more than 25 countries.

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