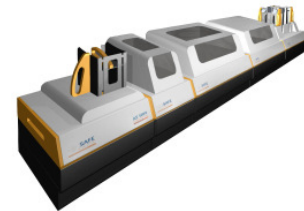


## News Release

### **SAFE ID introduces the AS 1000 next-generation, fully automated, inkjet-based passport personalization system**

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*Coinciding with the start of CEBIT 2006, the world's largest technology exhibition in Hannover, Germany, SAFE ID Solutions AG has introduced the next generation of its automated inkjet-based passport personalization solution, the **AS 1000**.*



The AS 1000 is designed for governments and organizations aiming to introduce centralized high-volume production of ICAO-compliant passports or biometric epassports. Through its innovative modular design and newly designed interface, the AS 1000 can be easily implemented into existing personalization management environments and customized to fit in with specific workflows in terms of usability, personalization quality, security and efficiency.

With the growing threat of identity theft and document fraud, the requirement for modern passport issuance systems has increased massively worldwide in the past couple of years. The focus has shifted from pure document security to securing processes, entire workflows and respective authentication.

The AS 1000 is a fully automated one-stop solution that meets all these requirements and offers modular, inkjet-based, high-volume passport personalization that's adaptable to specific system and workflow configurations.

Approved high-quality personalization with up to 2880dpi full color piezo inkjet printing and an outstanding process speed allow the personalization of more than 60 passports per hour, depending on configuration. The system is fully modular, enabling authorities to customize their issuance procedure. Optional modules range from optical camera systems for passport number reading and accurate alignment of printed data, to RFID and quality assurance modules which increase the usability, yield and efficiency of the system. XML data interchange software (PSI) allows easy integration into existing personalization management systems.

"The system can be easily upgraded to RFID," says Oscar Lazaro, VP Sales & Marketing at SAFE ID. "This ensures customers have a future-proof investment which enables them to implement standard passport schemes today that can be upgraded to serve an ePassport scheme in the future without having to change the entire solution."

#### **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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