

Press Release

SAFE ID delivers first phase of Georgian ePassport Program

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Within the framework, support and funding of the European Union, SAFE ID Solutions AG, based in Unterhaching, Germany has accomplished the delivery and installation of the first stage of an ambitious government ePassport project which aims at issuing new state of the art travel documents from the beginning of 2010 onwards.



The European Union, the Civil Registry Agency of Georgia and SAFE ID worked together to lay the groundwork for a modernized system of issuance of electronic Passports from 2010 onwards. Georgian citizens will, in the near future, benefit from the country's alignment to international security standards. Electronic passports will be issued as a result of the ambitious ePassport program of the Georgian Government. The first stage of the plan is now materialized with the support and funding of the European Union.

Within a very short timeframe of only 3 months, this project has been implemented by SAFE ID Solutions AG, a German based security solutions provider who specializes in electronic ID document issuance and control processes. SAFE ID Solutions AG was responsible for the delivery, installation and integration of various biometric equipment and software for capturing electronic signatures, fingerprints, face recognition, as well as technology for certification and document verification purposes. Specifically for this project, SAFE ID formed a consortium with German based Cognitec Systems GmbH who in turn delivered the face recognition component of the solution.

The Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia Jabmul Ebanoidze, the Head of the Civil Registry Agency Giorgi Vashadze, and the Head of the Operations Section of the European Commission Delegation to Georgia Mr. Martin Klauke met recently for a joint briefing and the handover of this first project phase. This €1.1 m worth project represents a step forward in the process of Georgia's alignment with European Standards.

About SAFE ID Solutions AG

SAFE ID Solutions AG provides integrated security solutions to the global ID market with systems optimized for new generation electronic documents containing RFID technology, biometric features and advanced encryption algorithms. The required shift to standardized and interoperable identity infrastructures is given through SAFE ID's portfolio that covers Passport, Visa, ID Card, Border Control as well as all related infrastructures.

The innovative and flexible solution portfolio, the outstanding project experience and a faithful partner network enable governments working with SAFE ID to maximize the level of security and to assure the issuance and authentication of latest ID documents. Currently SAFE ID has more than 25 reference projects in over 20 countries.

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About Cognitec Systems GmbH

Cognitec Systems develops, markets and deploys the well-established and market-leading FaceVACS® face recognition technology to global customers. Since 1995, Cognitech experts have been developing face recognition technology that allows industry and governmental customers to prevent identity fraud, secure borders and support physical access control. Around the globe, other companies have developed and continue to create new solutions using Cognitec technology – a resounding testament to the technical proficiency and customer-friendliness of our products.

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