Vision-Box® awarded national framework agreement with UK Border Force for the deployment of Automated Border Control (ABC) ePassport Gates

Vision-Box®, the market leader in automated border control systems and electronic identity solutions, will be the supplier of next generation eGates to ports of entry to the UK for the next four years.

Lisbon, December 18, 2013 – Having previously installed 46 of the UK Border Force's first generation eGates since 2009, Vision-Box® has now been awarded the contract to deploy up to 180 of the 2nd Generation of eGates, Vision-Box® vb i-match® 5.

To date, more than 13 million passengers have passed through Vision-Box® eGates located at seven of the UK's busiest International Airports. The expectation is for this number to increase rapidly once the rollout of the new eGates has taken place at these and other airports. To deliver this project Vision-Box® have sub-contracted ESP Global Services for rapid on-site engineering support and Accenture to provide accreditation and consulting services.

The 2nd Generation eGates present a slim, unique form factor, developed in conjunction with UKBF, which complies with specific design requirements for UK airports and makes the most of the limited space in the immigration halls.

Miguel Leitmann, Senior Vice President of Vision-Box® S.A., stated that "today, as in 2009, Vision-Box® is fully committed to supporting Border Force protect the UK borders by offering a secured, unparalleled and positive experience to passengers entering the country."

From UK Border Force, Haroona Franklin, Director of Border Systems Strategy & Capability, highlights the fact that "this deployment will represent the biggest ePassport Gate project in Europe. The new gates will allow Border Force to improve the passenger experience while maintaining security at the border and enabling the effective deployment of our resources to areas of highest priority".

Gatwick Airport is leading the way, having recently officially opened the first bank of 15 new Generation ePassport Gates to the public.

About Vision-Box ® SA:

Founded in 2001, Vision-Box® is the leading provider of electronic identity solutions, intelligent security management, and automated border control systems that use ICAO compliant standards.

The border control portfolio aimed at airports, airlines and border authorities, includes solutions addressing a variety of business scenarios, namely security check-points and self-boarding and automated border control smart biometric eGates.

Every second, millions of images are being captured and processed by Vision-Box® systems, installed right at the heart of the most prestigious organisations, which trust Vision-Box® biometric identity and digital video management solutions for their critical applications.

Covering the entire ID management life cycle, Vision-Box® delivers, to governments and issuing authorities, solutions ranging from live biometric enrolment stations, document verification kiosks and digital document dispensers through to personalization systems.

From the enrolment process, through the life cycle process of a biometric document and finally to the verification and identification process, all products are linked together through a powerful IT-platform, vb i-shield®. Vision-Box®'s vb i-shield®, which enables the implementation of an advanced border management system, also integrates with advanced digital video management solutions, intelligent biometric and biographic search engines and danger management functionalities.

Vision-Box® operates automated borders in more than 30 international airports and has over 3,000 electronic identity systems deployed across the globe.

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