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## SPS obtains MasterCard CQM certification for both its inlays and its modules

Smart Packaging Solutions (SPS) is proud to announce it has received MasterCard CQM (Card Quality Management) certification for both its inlay and its module offers, demonstrating once again the recognition by customers of SPS commitment to quality.

**ROUSSET, FRANCE, November 28, 2016** – Smart Packaging Solutions, a world leader in dual interface and contactless banking cards and eID documents, is the only company to have received MasterCard Card Quality Management (CQM) certification for its dual interface inlays and card modules.

MasterCard Card Quality Management approval shows that SPS products have successfully passed MasterCard tests for quality certification. These tests include MasterCard requirements for manufacturing sites and processes and intrinsic quality aspects of the products such as their physical, dimensional and electrical characteristics.

SPS product series have been tested and qualified for years by numerous security and quality organizations as well as payment schemes, such as MasterCard, and SPS customers. The recently introduced MasterCard CQM certification aims at providing a common scale for evaluating the quality achievements for the whole industry.

SPS obtains MasterCard CQM recognition for the most extensive range of products in the industry:

- Contact modules,
- Dual interface modules,
- · Contactless modules,
- Dual interface inlays,
- Contactless inlays.

This newly obtained certification is just the coronation of SPS permanent dedication to anticipate and accompany market trends and to ensure the highest quality of the company's products.

Olivier BRUNET, Product & Marketing director, SPS, declares: "For SPS customers, the fact that MasterCard recognizes SPS quality for both modules and inlays is a central factor in their decision process. By choosing SPS products, they are sure they get both quality and flexibility to satisfy all demands from the card issuers."



SPS will be present at Trustech, in Cannes, France, from November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Come and visit us on Groupe Imprimerie Nationale / SPS booth Riviera B059. In addition, SPS hinge inlay has been selected as a finalist through Nautilus datapage from Imprimerie

Nationale, for the Sesames awards that will be announced during Trustech event.

## **About SPS**

Smart Packaging Solutions is specialized in the design, manufacturing and sale of contactless solutions dedicated to ID cards, e-passport and dual interface banking cards. Headquartered in Rousset, France, with a subsidiary in Singapore, SPS employs 120 people. Part of the French Imprimerie Nationale Group, the company specializes in contactless and dual-interface products, with a recognized micro packaging expertise. SPS has filed over 120 patents supporting its exclusive technologies. More information at www.s-p-s.com

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In a mobile and digital world where data security has become the major issue, the Imprimerie Nationale Group offers States, governments and businesses trusted solutions including added value electronic components for banking, identity solutions including electronic components, cutting-edge secure credentials and safe and reliable interoperable systems, but also innovative and efficient digital services, and secure solutions for complex printings and workflows.

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