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SPS doubles its production capacity to cope with fast growing demand in payment and identity

Smart Packaging Solutions (SPS), a world leader in contactless and dual interface card manufacturing technologies, has doubled its production capacity between 2016 and 2018. Next step, that will be completed by 2020, consists in keeping on investing in order to double again the company production capacity, ensuring SPS customers will be able to stand issuer demand for cards and ID documents.

ROUSSET, FRANCE, April 12, 2018 – Demand for contactless, dual interface cards and documents has never been growing so fast. A combination of factors leads smart card and passport manufacturers to prepare for an increasing demand in both the payment and identity segments. Smart Packaging Solutions (SPS) remains by their side to ensure they will keep on benefitting from the company's unique technology and be able to propose the cards and ID documents needed by the market.

Smart Packaging Solutions (SPS) has already achieved the first step in its production capacity ramp-up plan. The company has invested in new production equipment and is improving its process flow with roll to roll operation to ensure the delivery of larger quantities while keeping with its established records in terms of reliability and customer service. At the same time, SPS is making its production organization evolve and proposing its products and services to its customers thanks to the combination of its own manufacturing plant in Rousset, France, with the ones of its network of qualified manufacturing partners in different geographies. The combination between in-house production with SPS worldwide network of qualified manufacturing partners also allows to improve contingency plans and ensure the supply of products to the card manufacturers will remain uninterrupted whatever the circumstances.

Philippe Patrice, SPS CEO declares: "Thanks to all actions we have achieved over the last two years, we are now reaching a 300 million units production capacity. Now, we are launching the second phase of the plan that will allow us to increase steadily our production capacity and to double it again by year 2020."

The demand growth in the banking segment is fueled by the switch from contact cards to dual interface cards especially in the Americas region, triggered by a mandate issued by both Visa and Mastercard, and supported by card issuers who recognize the advantages of dual interface cards to boost their card-based transactions.

In the identity segment, demand is raising thanks to the deployment of major ID programs and the always-expanding number of countries adopting ePassports.

Smart Packaging Solutions (SPS) offer includes subparts including micromodules, antennas and pre-laminated products, for smart card manufacturers allowing them to produce contact, contactless, dual interface and hybrid cards as well as ePassports and datapages.



Smart Packaging Solutions (SPS) will be exhibiting at Seamless Middle East, a major event for the secure transactions industry, taking place in Dubai UAE, on April 15-16, 2018. Come and visit us!

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 140 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 <http://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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