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ELITT selected by Calypso Network Association to develop its evaluation tool

Caen, France, May 23rd, 2013. **The Calypso Network Association (CNA) has awarded the specialist in secure electronic transaction ELITT -associated for the occasion with Spirtech, an engineering company specialized in teleticketing, electronic payment and cryptography- with developing the testing tool enabling evaluation of all portable objects developed according to the Calypso standard.**

With over thirty operators, operator associations, organizing authorities or prescribers of Calypso technology * worldwide, CNA contributes to the emergence of a global ticketing standard dedicated to transportation.

Subsequent of the appearance of new portable objects formats (contactless cards, USB flash drives, mobile phone applications, etc.), CNA was looking for a method ensuring the interoperability and the compatibility of these new objects with Calypso revision 3 specification, through an open process, accessible to all stakeholders.

This is done thanks to the agreement signed with ELITT and Spirtech, which provides:

- First the development of a tool running all the tests defined by the CNA working group to evaluate the functional aspects of the objects. This tool will be available for sale from the fourth quarter of 2013 for stakeholders who wish to prepare their products for evaluation;
- Then the implementation of a formal evaluation process, which will be available at ELITT laboratory.

* *Open and independent, Calypso technology results from an approach initiated by transportation operators in the 90's. It guarantees a simple, fast, secured, standardized, scalable, interoperable and multi-application contactless transaction system between a transportation card and a terminal.*

« ELITT expertise, undisputed in the banking world, and in development in the health domain, will now benefit to the world of transportation. The solution implemented for the CNA will greatly contribute to the interoperability of tickets, which we look forward» stated Grégoire Guétin, Marketing & Sales manager at ELITT.

For Philippe Vappereau, Chairman of CNA, *"the portable object certification is an essential step in Calypso development. It happens in the context of a real deployment of ticketing interoperability and of open systems in which there is no link anymore between portable objects issuers and acceptors: certification becomes a necessary prerequisite for ticketing systems proper functioning. Elitt and Spirtech were selected on a competitive basis as service providers to implement the certification process that will later open to other actors in the field. I have no doubt concerning their competence and their commitment to meet CNA's expectations."*

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About ELITT (www.elitt.com)

ELITT (EuroLab for International Transaction Technologies) is a B-to-B service company specialized in secure electronic transactions.

ELITT's business is to verify the proper operation of products (cards, mobile phones, acceptance systems, unattended terminals, etc.) and elements of the processing chain that are submitted during the phases of design, production and deployment

The triple expertise of ELITT (evaluation – technical consulting services - audits) applies to domains of banking transaction, transportation and healthcare.

Subsidiary of Groupement des Cartes Bancaires CB, ELITT has been the industry reference for 25 ans, known for its expertise, flexibility and quality of its services.

ELITT is based within the EffiScience campus near Caen, France, and offers its expertise internationally.

About CNA (www.calypsonet-asso.org)

CNA gathers operators, authorities & suppliers implementing Calypso. Calypso technology being the world leader of microprocessor cards in transport, is an open technology issued from an EU project, to assure a high security level for contactless transactions and to provide technical interoperability between networks assuring multi-services providers environment. Widely spread in Europe & beyond, Calypso offers multi-sourced compliant products, and is fully ready to be carried as Java Card Applets on the new portable objects: mobile phones, USB keys etc.

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