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FBI Certifies MorphoWave Desktop Contactless Fingerprint Scanner

Paris, January 5, 2016 - Morpho (Safran), the world leader in security and identity solutions, announced today that its MorphoWave Desktop contactless fingerprint scanner has been certified by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), for meeting the Personal Identity Verification (PIV*) Image Quality Specifications standard.

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The FBI certification validates that the high quality images produced by the MorphoWave Desktop are equivalent to other contact single-finger scanners, and are suitable for a full range of use cases.

The MorphoWave Desktop uses advanced imaging technologies to simultaneously acquire four fingerprints in less than one second by a simple wave of the hand. With its ergonomic bi-directional capture design, the MorphoWave Desktop can capture fingerprint images for the left or right hand without the need to change device settings or add another scanner.

The MorphoWave Desktop is especially suited for high traffic environments such as border control at international entry or exit ports, or access control at public and private facilities. In one single compact footprint, the MorphoWave Desktop combines ease of use and high quality imaging to enable high performance biometric identification.

MorphoWave Desktop is the first fingerprint scanner of this type in commercial use. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) recently took delivery of nearly 100 units for a major multibiometric border control, or "e-Border," program. The UAE now has an unrivalled border control system in terms of ease of use and hygiene standards, for the registration and identity checks of passengers at airports.

Morpho's contactless access control solution, integrating MorphoWave technology, received the Security Industry Association's 2015 Best New Product award, as well as the IFSEC and FIREX Access Control Product of the Year.

Achieving FBI PIV certification is another significant milestone for the advancement of our contactless fingerprinting technology, confirming its high quality imaging and compatibility with security systems already deployed worldwide. Following unanimous industry recognition for its innovative qualities, and first commercial usage, this certification further demonstrates that contactless fingerprinting is no longer a speculative technology – it is a reliable choice for managing entry, exit, and access to valuable resources.

Morpho CEO Anne Bouverot

*PIV standard – http://www.fbibiospecs.cjis.gov/Document/Get?fileName=pivspec.pdf

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OT (Oberthur Technologies) and Safran Identity & Security (Morpho) have joined forces to form IDEMIA. With close to $3 billion in revenues and 14,000 employees around the world, IDEMIA serves clients in 180 countries.

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