



## Media Release

### **Cognitec awarded contract by German Federal Criminal Police Office**

#### **Face recognition software aids tracing of suspect persons**

**Dresden/Wiesbaden, September 19, 2006** – Cognitec Systems, the leading provider of face recognition technology and systems, today announced that the company has been awarded a contract to provide software and services to the German Federal Criminal Police Office (Bundeskriminalamt – BKA) after winning a pan-European tender.

On the basis of photographs and video material, Cognitec's face recognition software will support the research and identification of unknown suspects. This kind of procedure will mainly be used when identification attempts using fingerprint or DNA have failed or are unsuitable. Research in a central, digital photo archive to identify a criminal will help in cases where only a photograph of an unknown suspected person exists.

The Federal Criminal Police Office will use Cognitec's software and respectively such type of research in a number of occasions, such as the tracing down of persons who, in the cause of the investigation, appear suspicious by using fake personal documents or payment cards or, for instance being involved in bank robberies. It will also be used for the identification of missing and helpless persons.

Alfredo Herrera, Managing Director of Cognitec Systems GmbH said: 'We are delighted that Cognitec was chosen for this important project by the Federal Criminal Police Office and that we are given the chance to provide them with our latest facial recognition technology. Cognitec is convinced that our system works on the highest level when it comes to speed and reliability and will turn out to be an indispensable tool for the daily work of the Federal Criminal Police Office.'

#### **About Cognitec Systems**

Cognitec Systems develops and markets the well-established and world-leading FaceVACS® face recognition software. Cognitec's software experts have been developing face recognition technology since 1995. This software technology is capable of recognising persons from video footage or photographs because of their characteristic facial features. Customers from industry and governmental agencies have been using FaceVACS since 1996. Customs, passport, driving license and police authorities in Australia, the US, South East Asia and Europe use Cognitec's software for database research on the basis of facial photographs. The Federal Office of Administration in Germany uses Cognitec software for the verification and processing of visa applications.

Further information: Further details about the company and its products, press information and picture material can be found under **[www.cognitec.com](http://www.cognitec.com)**

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