



## Media Release

### **Cognitec Selected for Taiwan Bureau of Consular Services ePassports Initiative**

**Dresden, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Cognitec Systems, a leader in face recognition technology and systems, today announced that its FaceVACS technology has been selected by the Bureau of Consular Affairs (BOCA) of Taiwan as the core face recognition software for its ePassports Initiative.**

Cognitec face recognition software is integrated within the CryptoMetrics VisMatch solution that is utilized to confirm the identity of passport applicants. These biometric solutions utilize scanned passport applicant photos, processed to International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) specifications for facial recognition to combat the use of forged or tampered travel documents.

The Cognitec-based solution demonstrates the FaceVACS algorithms' ability to provide fast, accurate and cost-effective processing. The additional benefit of FaceVACS to scale from initial deployment to the ultimate requirement of millions of face images continues to be a critical element to the overall system's success.

HP, as the prime systems integrator for the project, is providing the overall ePassport solution that includes design, development, integration and implementation of chip personalization, PKI information security technology and the integration of the CryptoMetrics-supplied image processing, image quality checking and face recognition systems.

"We are very pleased to continue our long relationship with CryptoMetrics and to be working with HP on this strategic initiative in Taiwan," said Alfredo Herrera, Cognitec's Managing Director. "We are confident that this team will deliver an effective face recognition solution for BOCA."

#### **About Cognitec**

Cognitec Systems, with headquarters in Dresden, Germany, and offices or subsidiaries in Herndon, VA; Miami, FL; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Hong Kong, develops, markets and deploys the well-established and market-leading FaceVACS<sup>®</sup> face recognition software to global customers and government agencies. Cognitec's software experts have been developing face recognition technology since 1995. In various independent evaluation tests, including the Face Recognition Vendor Test 2006, FaceVACS<sup>®</sup> has repeatedly attained a market-leading technology position.

#### **About CryptoMetrics**

Established in 2000, CryptoMetrics is a leading provider of biometric solutions, building and integrating state-of-the-art systems designed to proactively protect the critical infrastructure of a nation and its businesses, including vital cyber assets. As part of its portfolio, CryptoMetrics offers an extensive multi-modal array of biometrics through devices, software products, enterprise solutions and customized services including fingerprint, iris and facial recognition technologies.

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