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Cognitec announces major contract award from Government of Estonia for Face Recognition Software

Dresden, January 8, 2007 – Cognitec Systems, the leading provider of face recognition technology and systems, announced an important deal with IBM Estonia. IBM Estonia has won a contract from the Estonian Ministry of Internal Affairs, Citizenship and Migration Board, for a large ID Management system.

The main goal of the new system is to establish effective and objective criteria for person identification as well as the detection of misused identities. The system is based on Cognitec's FaceVACS-SDK software that allows the implementation of various use cases of facial verification and identification. Starting in March 2007, Estonia will also include biometric information in newly issued travel documents.

"This project is a great example of international co-operation" said Stanislav Ivanov, Manager of Global Technology Services at IBM Estonia. "Together with Cognitec we are able to provide Estonian Citizenship and Migration Board globally proven very dedicated hi-tech solution. Customer values IBM as a local partner who will provide them support in implementation project and helps in communication with foreign vendor."

Alfredo Herrera, Managing Director of Cognitec Systems, said "We are proud that we have been selected to provide our face recognition technology to the Estonian Government. We are happy to cooperate with IBM Estonia and to be able to deliver our high-performance software as part of the ID Management solution."



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About Cognitec

Cognitec Systems, with headquarters in Dresden, Germany, and offices in Herndon, VA; Miami, FL; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Hong Kong, 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. In various independent evaluation tests including the Face Recognition Vendor Test 2002, FaceVACS® has proven to be the leading technology available on the market. With its products,

- FaceVACS-Entry for access and border control,
- FaceVACS-DBScan for database search,
- FaceVACS-Acquisition for ID photo capturing,
- FaceVACS-Alert for video surveillance, and
- FaceVACS-SDK as a software developer's kit for integrators,

Cognitec has deployed numerous systems for customers from government and industry all over the world.

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About IBM Estonia

IBM is the biggest IT company in the world the 2005 turnover of which was 96,5 billion dollars. IBM offers hardware and software and different IT services; over 320 000 people work for the company all over the world.

IBM Eesti OÜ is operating since 1992; there are 58 employees in the company. Local subsidiary is capable to provide full range of IBM global products and services to Estonian customers. As in all other countries IBM is selling its products via wide business partners network. Estonian services team is concentrating on infrastructure implementation, management and support services.

The IBM international services' monitoring centre is situated in Estonia that also provides services for the Nordic countries. In the Baltic States and the Nordic countries the customers of the IBM administrative service are e.g. ABB, Electrolux, Nordea, Nokia.

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