



## Media release

### **Cognitec pilots face recognition systems at Frankfurt Airport**

**DRESDEN, April 7, 2004** – Cognitec Systems, leading supplier of biometric face recognition technology, announced that the company was selected for a large-scale biometric field test at Frankfurt Airport. Cognitec has already completed delivery of several systems to be used during the test.

The project named BioP II has been started under the responsibility of the German Federal Office for Information Security (Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik - BSI) in cooperation with the Federal Police Agency (Bundeskriminalamt - BKA), laid out as a comparative test of face, iris and fingerprint recognition systems. The performance of all systems, operating in a well defined environment, is being evaluated in a large-scale user test involving employees of Fraport AG (Frankfurt Airport) and Lufthansa AG. Secunet Security Networks AG as a BSI subcontractor has been selected to manage the project. Test results are expected this autumn.

Several face recognition systems and algorithms had been tested last year within the BioP I project by the same organizations. Cognitec had won this evaluation, showing the best overall performance. As a result, the company was chosen as the only face recognition vendor to participate in BioP II.

Under the contract, Cognitec has delivered several complete self-service terminals. Every participant identifies himself by a UserID stored on a contact-less token, and a camera integrated into the terminal then automatically compares the camera image against his stored facial image.

Cognitec has already delivered similar systems (called SmartGate) to the Australian Government, a proof of concept for future automated border control at Sydney Airport.

#### **About Cognitec**

Cognitec Systems, with headquarters in Dresden, Germany, and offices in Herndon, VA and Miami, FL, develops and markets the well-established and world-leading FaceVACS<sup>®</sup> face recognition software. Cognitec's software experts have been developing face recognition technology since 1995. In various independent evaluation tests including the Face



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