

PRESS RELEASE

Atos Origin, BMS-Moneo, Mindscape (Violet) and Neowave selected for their contactless project ALTESS

An innovative technology solution to overcome the lack of contactless readers in Europe

Paris, 10 December 2009 - The French *Direction Générale de la Compétitivité de l'Industrie et des Services* (DGCIS) (General Directorate for Competitive Industry and Services) has chosen Atos Worldline and its three partners, BMS-Moneo, Mindscape (Violet assets acquired on 20 October 2009) and Neowave, for their ALTESS project (On-line Acceptance of Contactless Secure Electronic Transactions). The selection process was part of the call for Mobile Contactless Services projects launched by the French Ministry for Industry. The project aims at facilitating the deployment of services based on contactless technologies for the general public.

Co-ordinated by Atos Worldline, the ALTESS project is part of the continuous development of applications for secure electronic transactions (payment, computer ticketing, loyalty, identification, authentication, access control, electronic signature). Being today carried out with smart or contactless cards, these applications will be in the future carried out via communicating objects such as Near Field Communication (NFC) mobiles, contactless USB keys, NFC self-adhesives.

Thanks to the ALTESS project the lack of contactless readers in living areas (home, shops) will be overcome. This can be done through an upgrade of existing RFID readers already used by the general public such as Mindscape's Mir:ror, and the design of an open platform enabling the secure remote control of smart card readers in "cloud computing" mode. The benefits for end-users (general public, company staff) are many and are aimed at making daily life significantly easier in fields such as on-line payment, computer ticketing, and loyalty cards. It will also facilitate and simplify the checking of e-purses balances, on-line top-up and the purchases of online content or services.

This project benefits from Atos Worldline's strong industrial capacity which, each year, processes billions of electronic transactions on its platforms. Atos Worldline will design and develop the ALTESS platform as well as a demonstration of Navigo card top-up via the platform (with the support of RATP). Mindscape will upgrade its RFID Mir:ror reader and Neowave its Smart Objects Weneo. BMS-Moneo will provide the payment and online Moneo top-up platforms as well as an EFT trader's kit using the ALTESS platform to interact with the Moneo contactless cards (BMS2).

This innovative project aims at significantly increase in a very short timeframe the number of contactless interaction points by re-using existing and already deployed equipment, through software updates and a secure on-line architecture.

"The ALTESS project will create many possibilities for the use of contactless cards and NFC mobiles at home. There is no other service offering such an opening in terms of service possibilities and such a rapid deployment," states Michel-Ange Camhi, ALTESS project manager at Atos Worldline. *"This project strengthens the Atos Worldline offering in high-tech transactional services, by enabling customers to carry out secure contactless on-line transactions more easily."*

"ALTESS strengthens Moneo's positioning as leader in contactless payments and services. Thanks to this project, Internet users may shortly be able to make contactless payments on the Internet!" declares Olivier Méric, Managing Director of BMS-Moneo. *"The other major innovation lies in the ability to offer merchants equipped with an Internet connection, a revolutionary contactless acceptance system, by adding a simple reader to their cash registers. Most merchants will then be able to accept contactless payments by card, USB key or NFC phone very easily."*

"ALTESS is a fantastic opportunity to develop new transactional services on the Internet and the contactless acceptance and top-up infrastructures", states Bruno BERNARD, Chairman of Neowave. *"This project strengthens the positioning of Weneo products which enable the development of new dematerialisation solutions while creating a link between the virtual and the real worlds."*



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