

ORGA supports tax project at Egypt's Ministry of Finance

First phase of "eTaxation Card" rolled out

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Paris, November 2005 – The General Taxation Authority (GAT) of the Egyptian Ministry of Finance is linking up with ORGA Kartensysteme GmbH to launch an innovative pilot for more security and efficiency in the administration of tax revenues. The project is one of the most complex applications in the field of e-government. ORGA is to supply 300,000 Java™-based PKI smart cards starting in November 2005.

"Security and the efficiency of public authorities have top priority for Egypt. It is one of the first countries in the region to deploy leading smart card technology in order to combine the areas of identification and payment in the government arena. The smart card expert ORGA is supporting us on the spot with technological know-how, cutting-edge applications and a great deal of understanding for efficient and transparent processes," states Eng. Fathy Abed El Aziz, Chief of IT, Income Tax of Egypt from the General Taxation Authority in Egypt.

With plenty of pioneering spirit and innovativeness, ORGA is collaborating with Raya Integration, Excel Systems and Sefirot to develop the solution. Apart from the Java™ card, the overall package consists of integrating the system components, PKI security, employee training and integration of local payment methods. PKI smart cards from ORGA's Java™ product line SmartFox Pro are used for identification and authentication.

"In addition to supplying the card product SmartFox Pro, ORGA also played a crucial part in integrating the background system and creating a public key infrastructure, in addition to providing training. The interplay between our branch office in Dubai and ORGA's supra-regional technical consulting expertise on the ground in Egypt could not have been better," says Silvio Stockmann, Head of the Banking Business Unit at ORGA.

The solution can be scaled to meet future requirements, and apart from the pure authorization function (PKI), local payment applications are also to be integrated. Tests with the Java™-based SmartFox Pro from ORGA are now being conducted as part of the first phase.

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