



Press Release

Indala and OMNIKEY Partner to Provide Affordable PC-Linked Dual Interface Smart Card Solutions

CardMan[®] 5121 Contactless/Contact Smart Card Reader and Complementary FlexSmart[™] Cards Offered

San Jose, CA; Irvine, CA; and Walluf, Germany (September 27, 2004) OMNIKEY, a leading manufacturer of innovative smart card readers, and INDALA, a leading manufacturer of multi-technology contact and contactless smart cards for physical and network access control, have partnered to offer the affordable dual interface smart card reader, the CardMan[®] 5121, and complementary FlexSmart[™] family of contact and contactless smart cards for enterprise identity management.

The CardMan[®] 5121 combines the advantages of contact and contactless smart card technology in a single USB desktop device. The unit will read FlexSmart[™] contact/contactless chip multi-technology cards. The CardMan[®] 5121 is based on a 13.56 MHz contactless smart card RFID interface that is compliant with ISO specifications 14443 A and B and 15693. The reader works with a variety of 13.56 MHz contactless smart card protocols including Indala's MIFARE[®] and DESFire[®] products.

With the CardMan[®] 5121 reader and FlexSmart[™] cards, end-users experience the convenience, speed, and security of contactless technology for applications including log-on to Windows, networks, websites, and applications or the secure storage of user names, passwords, and personal information. According to Debra Spitler, president of OMNIKEY Americas, "This unique reader and card combination provides the ideal solution for end-users who currently use a contactless smart card for building access, as a corporate or student ID, or for transit or cashless vending applications."

"Indala is pleased to work with a leading provider like OMNIKEY," said Marc Freundlich, Indala president. "The capability for end users to have one card for both physical and logical access control continues to be a very attractive investment from all points of view—security, convenience and ROI. I am confident that this alliance will be extremely beneficial for both the Indala and OMNIKEY customer bases," he added.

About OMNIKEY

OMNIKEY, the world leading manufacturer of innovative smart card readers, offers the most diversified product portfolio available on the market today. Having established a tight collaboration with key decision makers in the card manufacturing and software industries, OMNIKEY sits at the table of innovation. OMNIKEY's smart card readers for PCs can be utilized by any application including logical access control, digital signature, GSM authentication, secure banking and online transactions, loyalty programs, and healthcare solutions.

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OMNIKEY, headquartered in Walluf, near Wiesbaden (Germany), is part of the ASSA ABLOY Identification Technology Group (ITG). OMNIKEY's headquarters for North and South America reside in Irvine, California with technical support in Atlanta, Georgia. Design, production management, and quality control of OMNIKEY's products are carried out in the company's two R&D centers in Linz, Austria and Erfurt, Germany. OMNIKEY readers are distributed worldwide through a global network of partners, including value added resellers, system integrators, and OEMs.

About INDALA

Indala Corporation is a leading security technology company that develops and distributes 125 kHz proximity; 13.56 MHz contactless and contact smart cards; and associated readers for physical and network access-control applications. Indala manufactures the highest quality RFID product lines including FlexPass® Series, CX Series CASI®-compatible cards, Cotag® long range RFID, and MIFARE®/DESFire® high frequency products. Indala is renowned for delivering highly secure customized card access solutions for government and commercial applications around the world. Founded in 1985, Indala's installed customer base exceeds 100 million cards and two million readers. Indala was acquired by ASSA ABLOY in November of 2001. The Company's headquarters is located in San Jose, California. For more information, call 408-361-4700 or visit the Indala website at www.indala.com.

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