

Safran Identity & Security and FotoNation partnering to deliver advanced iris recognition solution for mobile devices in India

Safran Identity & Security and Tessera Holding Corporation, through its wholly owned subsidiary FotoNation Limited, have signed a cooperation agreement to deliver the most advanced iris authentication biometric security solution for mobile devices to the Indian market.

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The agreement includes a cross-license of Safran Identity & Security's and FotoNation's relevant patented **iris capture, recognition** and **control technologies** for enabling delivery of a unique and high-performance system for **mobile devices**. This joint solution, named **BioNetra**, will accurately and reliably **verify subject identity** under a broad range of lighting and environmental conditions.

Linked to the **Indian Aadhaar program**, the world's largest **biometric identity system** with more than 1.1 billion people enrolled to date, this solution will allow consumers to carry out online operations with **strong authentication** for any **secure online services** in connection with banking, telecoms, government services or healthcare. It will also provide **OEM device** makers with a robust and feature-rich platform, enabling them to produce competitive smartphones while meeting the Indian government's biometric quality and security standards.

"As a top innovator in imaging technologies, FotoNation is a valued technology partner for us. It enables us to bring this powerful joint biometrics solution to consumers, easing the integration of advanced technologies by mobile vendors," said Yves Portalier, Vice President & General Manager of the Telecom Business Unit, Safran Identity & Security.

Sanjeev Shriya, Senior Vice President India, Safran Identity & Security, added: *"Our combined expertise gives smart device makers a robust platform to meet new requirements as the authentication phase of the Aadhaar program is being rolled out. In addition, BioNetra provides a fantastic user experience, letting users access eServices and make transactions in the 'blink of an eye' and therefore combining high security with user convenience."*

FotoNation is proud to partner with Safran Identity & Security, the world leader in biometrics, to deliver advanced iris recognition solutions to mobile device users. Safran Identity & Security is playing a major role in implementing India's UID biometric enrollment program and our joint solution will give mobile device manufacturers a powerful, field tested solution that is fully compatible with the program.

Sumat Mehra, Senior Vice President and General Manager of FotoNation

The reference design kit (RDK) for **BioNetra** – comprising hardware specifications, software and design implementation specifications – has been certified by the Indian government organization STQC and is currently available.

Safran Identity & Security and FotoNation plan to make the solution available to additional markets in the coming months.

OT-Morpho - is now IDEMIA, the global leader in trusted identities for an increasingly digital world, with the ambition to empower citizens and consumers alike to interact, pay, connect, travel and vote in ways that are now possible in a connected environment.

Securing our identity has become mission critical in the world we live in today. By standing for Augmented Identity, we reinvent the way we think, produce, use and protect this asset, whether for individuals or for objects. We ensure privacy and trust as well as guarantee secure, authenticated and verifiable transactions for international clients from Financial, Telecom, Identity, Security and IoT sectors.

With close to €3bn in revenues, IDEMIA is the result of the merger between OT (Oberthur Technologies) and Safran Identity & Security (Morpho). This new company counts 14,000 employees of more than 80 nationalities and serves clients in 180 countries.

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