Starchip ships over 1 billion secure chips

StarChip, a subsidiary of Safran Identity & Security, announced today the shipment of its 1 billionth secure microcontroller.

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StarChip has reached this important milestone less than four years after the successful release of its first secure **SIM controller**, positioning the company as a key player and competitive force for the supply of **security chips**.

StarChip offers highly secure hardware-based solutions and delivers root of trust products addressing a wide variety of markets, including **smart card**, **secure IoT**, **mobile**, consumer, **health equipment** and several industrial applications.

Founded in 2009 by three semi-conductor experts, StarChip has revolutionized the Smart Card market with a disruptive "Product Provider" business model focusing on the design and qualification of secure chips for mass production while licensing its solutions for direct purchase by customers from qualified foundries. This innovative business model, by reducing supply chain costs, helped achieve significant cost-savings creating value for both StarChip and its customers. The billionth unit milestone is a demonstration of how customers have widely validated and adopted StarChip business model.

Today, StarChip further consolidates its position in the Telecom market by deploying its 3rd generation of **SIM Controllers** with more optimized products (better code density, enhanced performance, low power consumption, cost-efficiency) serving some of the world largest card vendors. StarChip has also established itself in high security markets such as payment, digital identity, IoT with the release and certification of advanced secure chips aimed at securing financial transactions, providing state-of-the-art protection for identity credentials and bringing trust to these markets.

Shipping 1 billion chips, in such a short period of time, is an amazing achievement for our company. This major milestone was made possible thanks to the hard work and dedication of our engineering, industrialization and sales teams. We are now internationally recognized as 1 of the top 5 smart card chip suppliers and we are well positioned to consolidate our leadership in the smart card market and seize new market opportunities.

Lucien Brau, Starchip CEO

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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