



News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE

OMNIKEY Hires Regional Sales Director for the Americas



Irvine, CA (July 28, 2005) OMNIKEY, one of the world's leading manufacturers of innovative smart card readers, is pleased to announce that Patrick Comiskey has joined OMNIKEY Americas as regional sales director. Patrick will focus on growing and supporting OMNIKEY's reseller, VAR, and distribution partner base in the Americas.

"OMNIKEY's strong partners in the Americas' have come to rely upon us for technically advanced smart card readers supported by world-class customer service," says Kurt Schmid, CEO of OMNIKEY. "The addition of Patrick to our team will enable OMNIKEY to continue exceeding our customer's expectations for excellence."

Most recently, Patrick was regional sales manager for ACG Identification Technologies, where he was responsible for sales and support of the ACG Identification Technologies' product line in the United States. Previous experience included sales management positions at Sidetran GmbH and Amatech USA. His experience with a wide range of microprocessor and memory products and RFID readers will allow Patrick to offer OMNIKEY customers a great deal of expertise across the dynamic smart card smartcard arena.

"It is a pleasure to work with the OMNIKEY team," says Patrick. "Our diversified product portfolio, including RFID based desktop products, enables our partners to meet their customer's expectations for technically superior smart card readers that are cost effective and can be used with almost any smart card on any computer for any application."



About OMNIKEY

OMNIKEY, one of the world's leading manufacturers 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.

OMNIKEY, headquartered in Walluf, near Wiesbaden (Germany), is part of the ASSA ABLOY Identification Technology Group (ITG). OMNIKEY's North American headquarters reside in Irvine, California with technical support in Atlanta, Georgia. The Asia Pacific operation is located in Hong Kong. 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. For further information please visit www.omnikey.com.

About ASSA ABLOY Identification Technology Group (ITG)

ITG is the world's leading supplier of RFID components, products, solutions and services. Comprised of a dynamic group of companies including HID, Sokymat, ACG Identification Technologies, Indala, OMNIKEY and Interlock-printoplast. ITG innovation spans the value chain of smart card and RFID-based systems for identification and security. Applications include physical and logical access control, supply chain management, animal tagging, national ID and e-passport programs, transport and various industrial and manufacturing applications. ITG Research in Denver, Colorado, focused on advanced research projects at the cutting edge of RFID and smart card technologies, and its SmartWorldAcademy in Prague, uniquely position ITG at the forefront of the secure identification industry. ITG headquarter offices are located in Walluf, Germany and Irvine, California.

ITG is part of the ASSA ABLOY Group, an international group listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange with some 30,000 employees and annual sales of about EUR 3 billion. The ASSA ABLOY Group is the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of locking solutions, dedicated to satisfying end-user needs for security, safety and convenience. For more information, visit www.assaabloy.com.

For further information, please contact:

Antje K. Schäfer

OMNIKEY

Am Klingenberg 6 a

65396 Walluf - Germany

Tel: +49 6123/7913-15

Fax: +49 6123/7913-28

antje.schaefer@omnikey.com

Media contact:

Pier Costa

WISE MEDIA S.p.A.

Via Lepetit 4

20124 Milano – Italy

Tel: +39 / 02 / 8903 4111

Fax: +39 / 02 / 67388322

pier@wisemedia.it