



## secunet and priv-ID Announce Global Collaboration

Essen, Germany, April 15, 2010 – secunet Security Networks, one of Germany's leading specialists in the fields of biometrics and electronic ID documents (eIDs), today announced its global collaboration with priv-ID, a leader in biometric solutions that guarantee privacy and anonymity for the user. The collaboration will provide enhanced and privacy respecting biometric solutions for the eID market and private sector. secunet's biomiddle and the Golden Reader Tool, developed in cooperation with the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI), are proven and widely used tools to build and roll-out biometric applications ranging from eIDs to biometric payments.

secunet's biomiddle and Golden Reader Tool are now offered with priv-ID's BioHASH<sup>®</sup> solution fully integrated. priv-ID's BioHASH<sup>®</sup> enables biometric verification in a privacy preserving manner. The combined secunet and priv-ID solution is a very powerful tool to combat identity fraud in the public and private sector. On May 4 and 5, priv-ID will demonstrate the secunet/BioHASH<sup>®</sup> eID/ePassport solution at the ID world conference in Abu Dhabi.

In ePassports and eID's it is now possible to store the BioHASH<sup>®</sup> fingerprint information in the freely accessible DataGroup13. This enables a biometric identity check with the ePassports and eID's also in the public and private sector. BioHASH<sup>®</sup> can be used as an ICAO-compliant and backward-compatible enhancement of the Extended Access Control (EAC) protection in ePassports and eID's, making biometric verification possible for secondary purposes. Beyond the use in ePassports and eID's, the BioHASH<sup>®</sup> fingerprint information can be stored in a central database in a privacy respecting manner. This makes it possible to have database related applications like biometric payments in countries where legislation and regulation around storage of biometric information is very strict.

*"With priv-ID we are able to show our customers a powerful solution to deploy biometrics without compromising on privacy,"* said Marco Breitenstein, Head of Business unit Biometrics and eID of secunet, *"In addition to enhanced privacy, this opens new possibilities for using biometrics in the private and public sector and effectively combat identity fraud."*

*"The combination of our private biometric solution BioHASH<sup>®</sup> and secunet's biomiddle platform offers a reliable and proven solution for ePassports, identity documents and biometric payment deployments."* said Michiel van der Veen, CEO of priv-ID.

### About secunet

secunet is one of Germany's leading providers of superior IT security. In a close dialogue with its customers – enterprises, public authorities and international organisations – secunet develops high-capacity products and excellent IT security solutions. Thus, secunet not only keeps IT infrastructures secure for its customers, but also achieves intelligent process optimisation and creates sustainable added value. At secunet, more than 270 experts focus on issues such as cryptography (SINA), e-government, business security and automotive security with the aim of always being one step ahead of the competition in terms of quality and technology. secunet puts special emphasis on long-term relationships with its customers and on an atmosphere based on partnership. This is impressively shown by the security partnership with the Federal Republic of Germany that has been in effect since 2004.

### About priv-ID

priv-ID B.V. is the leading provider for biometric identification software that guarantees the true anonymity and privacy for the user. Priv-ID's solution enables privacy compliant deployment of biometrics in e-ID documents, ePassports and databases. priv-ID B.V. is a spin-out company Royal Philips Electronics and is based at the High Tech Campus, Eindhoven, the Netherlands. For more information, please visit: [www.priv-id.com](http://www.priv-id.com)

