

## **Charismathics Announces Partnership with Raak Technologies**

*Partnership to Expand Distribution of the Charismathics CSSI Smart Card and TPM Products in North America*

MUNICH, Germany--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Charismathics of Munich, Germany, the worldwide leader in platform independent Smart Card and TPM Middleware, today announced a partnership with Raak Technologies of Austin, Texas that will introduce the Charismathics strong authentication product line to Raak's customers in the North American market.

Through the partnership, Raak Technologies will market and sell the Charismathics product range to integrators, security software developers and hardware vendors throughout North America, and will provide technical support for the North American market from its headquarters in Austin, Texas. As part of the agreement, Raak Technologies will from now on provide the CSSI product line to its OEM customers.

Charismathics' flagship product, the Charismathics Smart Security Interface (CSSI) is the leading integrated, platform independent security middleware in the world. CSSI enables the use of Smart Cards, USB Tokens and TPM chips with all major standards compliant security applications. As such, CSSI is an ideal solution for systems integrators that want to provide PKI and strong authentication security to their IT projects. CSSI enables support for all major security applications, including Logon, VPN, and Remote Desktop, as well as pre boot authentication for enterprise applications from McAfee/Safeboot, Utimaco, GPG, Checkpoint/Pointsec, and Secude.

CSSI also provides one-stop-shop support for a wide variety of smart cards and tokens already in use today, including smart cards from all the major manufacturers such as Gemalto, NXP, Giesecke & Devrient, Siemens, Oberthur and Sagem. This significantly lowers cost and time to market for integrators and security software developers and prevents customers from being locked into one specific token or smart card technology.

One satisfied CSSI customer is Softex, Inc., the developer of Omnipass Security Client. Omnipass is a Single Sign On application that is bundled with computers from such vendors as Lenovo, Fujitsu and Gateway and provides users with the ability to securely log on to the PC as well as applications and web sites. With CSSI, users can now use a smart card to authenticate and secure access to Omnipass. Apurva Bhansali, CEO of Softex Inc. stated, "CSSI has really made it very easy for us to integrate smart cards into our software, and the worldwide support Charismathics and Raak are able to provide ensures that our customers will have an excellent experience."

Sven Gossel, CEO of Charismathics stated, "We are very pleased to work with Raak Technologies. Raak has an excellent network, and the resources and expertise to serve our customers in the US and Canada."

Dan Cunningham, CEO of Raak Technologies commented, "Raak is excited to have the opportunity to provide Charismathics' innovative Smart Card and TPM products to the US and Canadian markets. With strong authentication now a major area of concern for the enterprise, Charismathics' products are a great fit."

For further information about the Charismathics products, or to request a free OEM evaluation kit, contact [sales@raaktechnologies.com](mailto:sales@raaktechnologies.com), or [www.charismathics.com](http://www.charismathics.com).

About Charismathics GmbH: Charismathics is the worldwide leading provider of platform independent Smart Card, and TPM middleware. The Charismathics Smart Security Interface (CSSI) software enables Smart Cards, USB tokens and TPM chips from major hardware manufacturers to be used with all standards compliant security applications on Windows, Mac OSX and Linux. CSSI supports PKCS11, Microsoft CryptoAPI, base CSP / mini-driver, FIPS 201/PIV as well as the Trusted Computer Group's TSS.

About Raak Technologies: Raak Technologies provides strong authentication products and solutions to corporations and enterprises across North America. Raak's products include the Raak C7 and C2 series smart cards and RaakSign software. Raak Technologies is a Microsoft Identity & Access partner.

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