

## **French National Printing House announces partnership with Smart Packaging Solutions**

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The French National Printing House (Imprimerie Nationale) announced its choice of Smart Packaging Solutions' (SPS) technologies for manufacturing a part of future secured chip cards. These cards have two functionalities in contact and contactless mode.

Now, that the next generation of chip cards is being released, like contact and contactless identity cards, Driving Licenses and Healthcare card, Imprimerie Nationale is the only company authorized to produce the French high-security documents or documents of which the manufacturing requires special security features. Therefore the company is engaged in complex investment programs for the realization of the projects, in order to handle and deploy the best technologies. *"It is evident,"* said Imprimerie Nationale's President and General Manager Mr. Loïc de la COCHETIERE, *"that the partnership with SPS goes along with this logic".*

SPS is specialized in the manufacturing of microelectronics for secured products like National Identity Cards, Driving Licenses and Biometric Passports. As of today, these French technologies are approved worldwide to deliver the highest level of reliability and security.

Mr. Henri BOCCIA, President of SPS stated: *"We are extremely honored to work in partnership with the Imprimerie Nationale on implementing those important projects. This new success rewards all efforts SPS accorded to the electronic identity domain. Thanks to the maturity of our technologies, the 20 years of experience we attest to, this new success and other ones that will follow soon, SPS is going to come up, in an unchallenged way, as one of the worldwide leaders providing Identity Solutions".*