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Fingerprint Cards AB (publ) joins wireless industry leaders in Radicchio forum for secure mobile commerce

Fingerprint Cards AB, a Swedish based developer and licenser of microelectronic biometric security systems using the human fingerprint, is the first vendor of complete biometric security systems to join Radicchio, the leading industry group for promotion and development of secure environments for wireless transactions such as banking and remote network access.

Radicchio was founded in September 1999 by four global market players in the e-commerce sector: Sonera SmartTrust, EDS, Gemplus, and Ericsson. The organisation is now on its way to becoming the worldwide industry voice and authority for secure wireless e-commerce using Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) technologies. Its more than fifty members represent between them many of the major players in the field of mobile commerce: from financial institutions to service providers, from network operators to terminal and hardware manufacturers.

In the words of Lennart Carlson, President of Fingerprint Cards,

"The rapid growth and importance of PKI brings with it an increased need for the integration of biometric user authentication. Fingerprint Cards welcomes the opportunity to contribute its broad knowledge of biometric user authentication to the Radicchio effort, and looks forward to playing a pivotal role in the global development of industry security standards in this area." He added that "The global marketing activities of Radicchio on behalf of its membership, will contribute substantially to public confidence in the usefulness and accessibility of secure technologies."

Fingerprint Cards was welcomed to the Radicchio forum by founding member Electronic Data Systems (EDS);

"The addition of Fingerprint Cards to Radicchio reinforces the forum's position as the leading industry body for promoting secure (PKI) wireless e-commerce," said Ron van Valkengoed, who represents founding member EDS on the Radicchio Board. "Biometrics is becoming a more mainstream technology, replacing PIN codes and passwords. Fingerprint Cards' contribution to this forum, covering the area of biometrics expertise and knowledge, allows Radicchio to cover all elements in an end-to-end security solution, and to work on an open, flexible architecture for wireless e-commerce".

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Notes for Editors:

Fingerprint Cards AB (publ) is listed on the O-list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange (OM Stockholmsbörsen). The company has developed a complete finger verification system to be embedded into small units. The company holds several patents covering this technology. The technology is licensed to companies that market products where user identification is a security requirement. Examples include cellular phones, smart-card systems, computer keyboards, and physical access systems. Implementation of the technology comprises two inhouse developed microchips, and the system is independent of any PC for storage, finger pattern reading and matching.

More information is available from www.fingerprint-cards.com

Radicchio's collective mission is to enable a dynamic global market for secure wireless e-commerce through a combination of processes that include regulatory discussions at a high level, technical collaboration and strategic



discussions with members. To maintain a high profile across the whole industry a major component of the Radicchio initiative will be a fully-integrated marketing communications campaign.

More information, including a list of member companies, is available at www.radicchio.org