AlpVision SA and SGS Société Générale de Surveillance SA Partner to Setup Document Security Program for The Ethiopian Government

AlpVision SA and SGS Société Générale de Surveillance SA (SGS) announced they are jointly launching a new program in order to fight against fraud, forgery and counterfeiting of governmental and commercially sensitive documents.

After two years of successful collaboration, both companies have implemented a security program in Ethiopia, enabling the protection of sensitive documents against tampering and counterfeiting.

AlpVision, experts in the field of digital security printing and data security, has developed **Cryptoglyph**, a covert digital security feature that can be printed with standard printers on documents such as identity cards & certificates. Today, millions of products and documents are protected with Cryptoglyph technology throughout the world.

SGS, through its Trade Assurance Services (TAS) division, implements trade assurance and environmental support programs on behalf of governments and international institutions. Under pre-shipment inspection contracts, TAS inspects and reviews at the point of shipment the quantity, quality and price of goods to facilitate the correct assessment of import duties and taxes, avoid capital flight, and ensure that such goods comply with the laws and relevant customs regulations of the importing country

"Avoidance of capital flight is one of SGS TAS' main duties and the combination of AlpVision Cryptoglyph and SGS TAS solutions is an excellent example of how complementary solutions can help to efficiently and effectively increase the security of documents and therefore combat financial fraud. AlpVision is truly delighted with the implementation of such forward-looking programs and also being selected as SGS' strategic partner" said Roland Meylan, AlpVision SA, Corporate Communications Manager.

About AlpVision

Headquartered in Vevey, Switzerland, AlpVision SA focuses on digital imaging technology applied to fighting counterfeiting. In 2004, the company obtained the prestigious "European Seal of Excellence". Clients of AlpVision include companies from the top 100 enterprises worldwide. Cryptoglyph already protects millions of products and documents for these companies and others all over the world.

In addition, AlpVision's Consulting Services division serves security printers, document issuers and brand owners with expertise ranging from security printing to IT system integration and R&D contracts.

About SGS

SGS is the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company. Founded in 1878, SGS is recognized as the global benchmark for quality and integrity. With 37'000 employees, SGS operates a network of about 1'000 offices and laboratories around the world.

Originally founded in 1878 in Rouen as a French grain shipment inspection house, the Company was registered in Geneva as Société Générale de Surveillance in 1919. Shares of SGS were first listed on (SWX) Swiss Exchange in 1985.

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