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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: CASINO CHIPS - GAMING TOKENS - ANTICOUNTERFEITING

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A new solution for protecting casino chips and gaming tokens against counterfeiting

AlpVision, a Swiss-based leading company developing security solutions, announced a totally new approach to protect casino chips and tokens against counterfeiting.

Millions of chips and tokens are used in the gaming industry, which is often governed directly by governments or by authorised private companies. Since casino chips and gaming tokens have direct cash value they are priority targets for counterfeiters.

Based on very sophisticated digital image processing methods, AlpVision has developed a new solution that authenticates chips and tokens. This is done without adding any marking or alteration of the chips or tokens. This new patent pending solution involves the capture and storage of an image of one original chip or token per production mould. This unique digitally captured image provides enough data to secure the entire series of chips or tokens produced from the mould.

To validate a suspected token or chip, the cashier employee uses a standard scanner or digital camera to take a picture of the piece under investigation. The system then takes the image and runs it through a very sophisticated authentication process. It is easily done and requires no special training for the cashier or whoever is checking the chips or tokens. AlpVision also provides a completely automated control process that screens any chip or token series in operation.

AlpVision's security software solution can identify the different chips or tokens and retrieve corresponding information, such as the mould and production dates.

No additional security features are needed. Since no chip or token renewal is necessary, an organization can also immediately screen and secure its entire chip or token stock and block the counterfeiting.

With AlpVision's new solution it is now possible to screen every chip and token and prevent converting fakes into cash. No marking is necessary. A simple decision to implement AlpVision's solution provides you with the means to screen and block out counterfeits.

Images are available on request