

Press release

**CheckPhone and Thales join forces
at the Alcatel-Lucent enterprise forum
and pool developments of ToIP security solutions**

14 February 2007 — CheckPhone, Europe's leading provider of security solutions for enterprise telephony applications, and Thales, Europe's foremost supplier of security solutions for critical information systems, today announced that they are planning to jointly develop innovative solutions to ensure the security and availability of critical applications such as ToIP (Telephony over IP).

By pooling their technological and commercial strengths, Thales and CheckPhone will be able to share expertise and leverage their respective positions to offer tailored security solutions for users of convergent, real-time voice applications.

Patrick Heuline, Director of Strategy and Marketing for Security Communication business of Thales, said: "Ensuring the availability and integrity of such applications as ToIP is the next major challenge security players will face. In today's world of sophisticated, diversified communications threats, real-time applications such as ToIP are particularly vulnerable. What's more, solutions must be capable of taking into account the specific features and legacy of these applications. In other words, they must go beyond the mainstream security functions implemented for data services. This tie-up with Checkphone will allow Thales to enrich the functional range of its ToIP security products and offer customers solutions that precisely match the requirements of such applications."

"In the telephony market, IP protocol security requirements compound the challenge of conventional telephony security," explained Gérard Kaas, CEO of CheckPhone. "Collaborating with Thales will enable CheckPhone to tap the expertise of a recognised security specialist. The aim of this joint activity is to develop comprehensive, open solutions that draw on the strengths of both companies."

Collaboration between Thales and Checkphone has already resulted in the validation of security architecture and services concepts by customers and prospective customers.

Thales and CheckPhone will participate in the Alcatel-Lucent enterprise forum on 14-16 February 2007, at the Palais des Congrès in Paris, France. CheckPhone will offer demonstrations of its current solutions on its own exhibit, together with an interactive demonstration on the exhibit of its distributor, NextiraOne.

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About CheckPhone

CheckPhone, a voice security leader, offers advanced products and services to provide real-time protection for enterprise telephony applications.

The Expert Telecom Security System[®] (ETSS[®]) is a multi-vendor, multi-technology platform for VoIP, legacy PBXs and hybrid environments, enabling centralised telephony security management. Checkphone's ETSS[®] is an easy-to-use and proactive security management tool. ETSS's[®] intuitive user interface enables users to efficiently establish voice security policy and then implement it throughout the network with one click. On the border, each communication is deeply inspected for policy compliance. A company's entire network configuration, modifications and logs can be tracked, analysed and audited via a centralised management interface. CheckPhone also optimizes the enterprise's VoIP security function by providing leading-edge security assessment tools and offering a comprehensive set of professional services. CheckPhone is the ideal partner to efficiently address the increased complexity of securing IP-based voice communications and enabling a seamless and secure VoIP migration.

About Thales

Thales is a leading international electronics and systems group serving defence, aerospace and security markets worldwide, supported by a comprehensive services offering. Thales offers a capability unmatched in Europe to develop and deploy critical information systems. Thales employs 60,000 people in 50 countries and generated revenues of € 10.3 billion in 2005, with a record order book of over € 20 billion.

The new Security Solutions & Services Division, operational since 5 January 2007, combines the businesses of Thales's former Security and Services divisions with those of Alcatel-Lucent's Transport Systems Division and Integration & Services Division. The new division makes Thales a world market leader in transport and security markets. Our security solutions and services activities around the world now generate revenues of about 3.2 billion euros, with a 20,000 employees in 35 countries.

Thales is a world leader in the provision of cryptographic security products and solutions for businesses, governments and the finance industry. As an approved supplier of high-grade network security products, Thales has 40 years of unrivalled track record in providing cryptographic, tamper-resistant products to governments and the military. Over half of the world's banks, together with the majority of the busiest exchanges, currently use Thales technology.

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