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Amsterdam City Council opts for Keesing authentication solution

The Amsterdam City Council has selected Keesing Technologies' online AuthentiScan solution to help it check ID documents and combat identity fraud. In today's world, the ability to authenticate identities is essential. Keesing AuthentiScan not only allows city council staff to safeguard security, it also enables the City Council of Amsterdam to meet the demands imposed by 21st century society.

Amsterdam, 26 september 2016 – Amsterdam City Council has announced that it has selected Keesing AuthentiScan Online - SaaS (Software as a Service) to assist it with the verification of ID documents. The award decision follows - and concludes - the European public procurement for an ID authentication solution that the city council initiated earlier in the year. Benchmarked against the award criteria, the solution developed by Keesing Technologies achieved the highest score. According to the city council, Keesing AuthentiScan excelled in terms of quality as well as price. It is expected that city council staff will start using the premium version of Keesing AuthentiScan before year-end. The AuthentiScan system allows them to authenticate an ID document and establish someone's real identity in a matter of seconds.

The wrongful use of counterfeit ID documents and stolen social security or citizen service numbers results in losses totalling billions of euros each year. In many ways, city councils are ideally positioned to spot and prevent such identity fraud. This may be done when a citizen's identity is officially recorded in the city council register, for example. Once an identity has been registered, the identity holder will be issued with a citizens service number, entitling him or her to education, health care, social benefit payments and a passport. Of course, these facilities are also extended to people who have obtained a citizens service number illegally.

A second, equally important consideration is security. Increased migrant flows to the Netherlands make it all the more important that public sector entities are able to establish an individual's identity with certainty. Given the sheer number and diversity of ID documents currently in circulation around the world, this is virtually impossible without the use of tools that have been developed for that very purpose.

Daniel Suess, Commercial Director at Keesing Technologies: "We are delighted that the City of Amsterdam has decided to use our AuthentiScan Online solution to improve the quality and dependability of its ID authentication processes. AuthentiScan will be implemented at the Amsterdam City Council's 20 service centres, allowing city council staff to verify the authenticity of ID documents quickly and efficiently. In turn, this will help to safeguard the identity of its citizens. As the entire process is fully automated, checking an ID document only takes a few seconds. Should the outcome of the check be in doubt, the inspection data can be sent to in-house fraud experts for further investigation. AuthentiScan's SaaS architecture allows high-resolution, detailed images and other document data to be easily shared, so that any uncertainties can be quickly resolved".

Keesing AuthentiScan will enable city council staff to check the authenticity of ID documents such as passports, ID cards, driving licences, residence permits and visas with great accuracy, and without in any way inconveniencing the document holder. The system is powered by a database containing more than 5,000 ID documents from over 200 countries and organisations, allowing staff to authenticate almost any ID document currently in circulation, irrespective of the issuing state. By following the step-by-step inspection process, staff can additionally establish the identity of the document holder.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Keesing AuthentiScan was developed by Keesing Technologies and was launched in the Dutch market in 2005. Since then, it has been used internationally to verify ID documents and fight identity fraud. Thousands of public and private sector organisations use AuthentiScan every day.

Keesing Technologies was founded in 1923, and has since established itself as a leading developer of digital inspection solutions for ID documents.

Keesing's products and services meet specific needs. The company's mission is to assist organisations around the world with the detection of counterfeit ID documents, thus helping to prevent fraud. To achieve this objective, Keesing has developed a broad range of digital inspection tools and solutions that can be used by experts as well as untrained staff to assess the authenticity of nearly all ID documents currently in circulation. Keesing's technology is based on nearly 100 years of experience and accumulated know-how.
In addition, Keesing operates and maintains the most reliable and comprehensive ID document database in the world. It contains details of ID documents issued by more than 200 countries and organisations, and includes descriptions and high-quality images of thousands of passports, ID cards, driving licenses, residence permits and visas. This unique reference database powers all Keesing products.

Keesing's objective is to develop products and services of the highest quality. To make sure that our products cater for actual needs, Keesing closely cooperates with public and private sector entities around the world. In total, we serve more than 6,000 organisations in 120 countries, including government agencies, security printers, temporary employment agencies, insurance companies, banks, telecom providers, security companies and airlines. Keesing maintains offices in the Netherlands, France and the United States, and operates via distributors, strategic partners and agents around the world. Keesing Technologies forms part of SURYS, the French anti-counterfeiting and security specialist.

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