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Sagem Sécurité and Hitachi unveil multi-modal finger vein and fingerprint device

London, Biometrics 2009, October 19, 2009 - Sagem Sécurité (Safran group), the world leader in biometrics and Hitachi, the engineering and information technology giant will unveil the first ever multi-modal finger vein and fingerprint device at Biometrics 2009 in London, Finger VP.

This new device combines Hitachi's Finger Vein imaging (VeinID) to detect the pattern of blood vessels under the skin, and Sagem Sécurité's fingerprint identification technology (Morpho). It is the only multi-modal device capable of simultaneously capturing and processing two sets of biometric data and can be used either for one-to-one or one-to-many verification.

Hideyuki Ariyasu, Managing Director of Hitachi Europe said: "The consolidation of our Finger Vein Authentication with Sagem's Finger Print technology has resulted in a device which gives companies and individuals unrivalled levels of security, accuracy and performance."

Jean-Paul Jainsky, Chairman and CEO of Sagem Sécurité commented "I strongly believe FINGER VP is the next generation of biometrics and will be part of our future identification systems. By combining Finger Vein Authentication with fingerprint analysis, security has never reached such a high level."

FINGER VP is designed to be used either standalone or integrated into a vast range of end-user devices, e.g. access control terminals, ATM, mobile devices for identity checks and secure payments. It is being geared for mass roll-out in 2010.

Finger VP can be experienced first-hand at Biometrics 2009, at

- Sagem Sécurité stand 406
- Hitachi Europe, Ltd. stand 303

About Sagem Sécurité

Sagem Sécurité (Safran group) is a high-technology company. One of the world's leading suppliers of identity systems, Sagem Sécurité focuses on applications including personal rights and flow management, in particular based on biometrics, a sector in which it is the world leader, secure terminals and smart cards. Its integrated systems and equipment are deployed worldwide and contribute to the safety and security of transportation, data, people and states. Sagem Sécurité is present on all continents.

For more information: www.sagem-securite.com, www.safran-group.com

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About Hitachi Europe Ltd.

Hitachi Europe Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd., Japan. Headquartered in Maidenhead, UK, it has operations in 13 countries across Europe, the Middle East and Africa and employs approximately 550 people.

Hitachi Europe comprises of nine business areas: rail systems; power and industrial systems; information systems; digital media and consumer products; display products; industrial components and equipment; air conditioning and refrigeration systems; manufacturing systems; and procurement and sourcing. Hitachi Europe also has three Research and Development laboratories and a design centre. For more information about the company, please visit <http://www.hitachi.eu>.

About Hitachi Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT / TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 400,000 employees worldwide. In fiscal 2008 (ended March 31, 2009) consolidated revenues totaled 10,000 billion yen (\$102.0 billion).

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