



Aware's CaptureSuite Software Featured in European Commission's Biometric Matching System Showcase

Aware will also demonstrate CaptureSuite fingerprint autocapture software at two key identity industry events in Europe in April

BEDFORD, Mass., March 31 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Aware, Inc., a global provider of biometric and imaging software, today announced its participation in the European Commission's Biometric Match System (BMS) Showcase. The BMS Showcase, which incorporates Aware's CaptureSuite™ software for automated fingerprint capture and processing, is an interactive environment designed to promote an understanding of the latest biometric technologies for the European Commission and Member States. The Showcase, hosted at the Accenture office in Brussels, will also explore the various aspects of fingerprint matching technology for immigration and border control.

Aware will also sponsor two identity industry trade events taking place in Europe during the month of April. Both events will include demonstrations of Aware's CaptureSuite and other biometrics software products. The first event is the European e-ID Card Conference hosted by the European Association for E- Identity and Security (eema), which takes place in Leuven, Belgium on April 3rd and 4th. The eema conference will include a presentation of a case study by Aware discussing the use of Aware biometrics software in the employee credentialing system deployed by NASA, the U.S. space exploration agency. The second event is the Security Document World 2008 / Identity Loop 2008 Conference and Exhibition, which takes place in London on April 22nd and 23rd.

"Aware's CaptureSuite software, which is used at U.S. consulates around the world to quickly capture ten fingerprints from visa applicants, is similarly effective towards ongoing efforts in Europe to improve the visa issuance process, such as VIS and BioDev II," commented David Benini, director of product marketing. "We're pleased to have the opportunity to demonstrate our market-leading biometrics software at the BMS Showcase, as well as other important events in Europe."

About CaptureSuite

CaptureSuite is a family of software development kits used to perform rapid autocapture and compliance assurance of ten fingerprints, and subsequent formatting for submission to a watchlist database. Capturing ten fingerprints quickly while maintaining sufficient image quality is crucial to this emerging requirement and poses a difficult image processing challenge. CaptureSuite was developed to address this challenge, improving the efficiency of the tenprint capture process while ensuring that images are compliant, properly identified, and of sufficient quality. CaptureSuite software components work in conjunction with fingerprint live scan hardware devices, and perform several key functions including autocapture, segmentation, left/right hand detection, quality analysis, and standard-compliant formatting.

About BMS

The Biometric Matching System (BMS) Showcase is an interactive environment designed to promote an understanding of the latest biometric technologies for the European Commission and Member States. The Showcase, hosted at the Accenture office in Brussels, will also explore the various aspects of fingerprint matching technology in immigration and border control.

The BMS Showcase was developed for the European Commission's Directorate General for Freedom, Security and Justice (DG JLS) by the Bridge Consortium which comprises Accenture and SAGEM Securite. The Showcase will specifically address the various technical and business process aspects of the continuous evolution in immigration and border control within the European Union, such as the introduction of a centralized visa and biometric matching system in the near future.

From a technical standpoint, a number of key biometric device suppliers and software companies participated in the development of the Showcase. This allowed the visa enrollment and border control applications to be designed in a vendor-agnostic manner enabling various fingerprint readers, document scanners and other such devices to be seamlessly integrated and demonstrated within the Showcase.

About Aware

Aware is a veteran of the biometrics industry, providing biometric and imaging software components used in government systems worldwide since 1992. Aware's interoperable, standard-compliant, field-proven imaging products are used in a number of applications, from border management to criminal justice to medical imaging. Aware is also a leading technology supplier for the telecommunications industries. For more than ten years, Aware has pioneered innovations at telecommunications standards-setting organizations and continues to develop and market DSL silicon intellectual property and test and diagnostics products. Its StratiPHY™ IP product line supports DSL standards, including ADSL2+ and VDSL2, and has been broadly licensed to leading semiconductor companies. Telecom equipment vendors and phone companies use Aware's DSL test and diagnostics modules and Dr. DSL® software to help provision DSL circuits globally. Aware is a publicly held company (Nasdaq: AWRE) based in Bedford, Massachusetts. www.aware.com

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