



CHRISTOPHE DOLIQUE ELECTED NEW CHAIRMAN OF SIMALLIANCE

Prague: 27th April, 2006 - Christophe Dolique has been elected new Chairman of SIMAlliance, the world's leading consortium of SIM operations, it was announced today at the SIM 06 show in Prague. Dolique replaces Philippe Vallee who has chaired the association's board for the past two years.

The new SIM alliance board comprises members from Axalto, Gemplus, Giesecke & Devrient, Sagem-Orga, Oberthur Card Systems and Prism.

Commenting on his new appointment Dolique said: "SIMAlliance has grown and developed over the past five years to evolve into a unique association that today represents an estimated 75% of the world's SIM market. By operating outside the singular commercial interests of any single SIM card player in the business, we're able to pinpoint the mission critical developments that will drive tomorrow's mobile applications and ease their entry into the market. As vision becomes reality, the SIM's essential role as secure access device for mobile services will become increasingly apparent to operators that deploy pioneering multimedia and communications services. "

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About SIMAlliance

SIMAlliance is the world's leading consortium of SIM interest groups. Representing approximately 75% of the global SIM card market, SIMAlliance's mission is to steer industry innovation and champion the high value business benefits that SIM services deliver.

Axalto, Gemplus, Giesecke & Devrient, Microelectronica Española, Oberthur Card Systems, Sagem-Orga, Prism, ST Incard and Xponcard are all SIMAlliance members. visit www.simalliance.org or email info@simalliance.org for more information