

Press Release

Maldives: Epassports and Border Control System supplied by DERMALOG.

DERMALOG, the biometrics innovation leader from Germany, has supplied the new biometric passports and IT system for registration and personalization of electronic passports to the Republic of Maldives. Additionally DERMALOG delivered a new border control system, including automatic gates and a high-speed AFIS (Automatic Fingerprint Identification System) to Maldives Immigration. The Maldives is the first country in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) to introduce such a sophisticated biometric passport- and border control system.

Malé, Maldives, 28th January 2016 – The President of Maldives Abdullah Yameen Abdul Gayoom has launched the new Maldivian biometric passports. They contain a highly secured polycarbonate data page with laser engraved photo and data. Each visa page of the passport has a different design, with numerous illustrations by Maldivian local artist Hussain Ali Manik. The controller of Maldives Immigration, Mr. Mohamed Anwar, highlighted in his opening speech, that the new Maldives passport is now one of the most secure biometric passports in the world with 34 visible and invisible security features and full compliance to the highest security passport standards.

On the same day, in a special ceremony, the new DERMALOG eGates at Maldives' Ibrahim Nasir International Airport were opened. These enable passengers to pass border control by using their new Passports for automatic immigration clearance. Passengers are requested to scan their new Passports and boarding passes as well as their fingerprints. The automatic gate doors then open automatically and allow passengers to pass.



DERMALOG CEO Günther Mull and Abdullah Yameen Abdul Gayoom, President of the Maldives, presenting the new passports.

The biometric passports and automatic gates are complemented with a new border control system and with a high-speed Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), both from DERMALOG. Again DERMALOG leads the way when it comes to innovative biometric solutions for secure documents and automated border control.

About DERMALOG:

DERMALOG Identification Systems GmbH with head offices in Hamburg is Germany's pioneer for biometry and the largest German manufacturer of biometric devices and systems. One of the shareholders in DERMALOG is the state-owned German "Bundesdruckerei".

DERMALOG employs a team of scientists who continuously develop biometric identification systems (so-called "AFIS" and "ABIS" systems), including cutting-edge fingerprint scanning devices. The product portfolio is complemented by biometric border control systems and biometric ID cards and passports as well as biometric voting systems. "FingerLogin", "Finger- Payment" and "FingerBanking" are also solutions developed by DERMALOG, as are systems for automatic face and iris recognition.

As well as Germany and Europe, the main markets of DERMALOG are in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. To date, the company has provided its technologies and solutions to more than 150 large scale installations in more than 80 countries.

In addition, DERMALOG offers biometric solutions for banks and for the manufacturers of automatic teller machines. This includes the largest biometric banking project world-wide (USD 50 million), which was delivered by DERMALOG (the so-called "BVN Project"): 23 banks and the Central Bank of Nigeria were provided with DERMALOGs ABIS, which prevents double identities among bank customers by means of finger and face recognition and guarantees the best-possible biometric identification of customers (KYC) for these banks. Furthermore, many ATMs across the globe have been equipped with DERMALOG's fingerprint technology.

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