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Swiping on the motorway has given way to the chip

The sanef Group has selected Steria's Stecard© solution to implement EMV standards, allowing for even more quicker and secure toll payments.

Electronic banking with Stecard® by Steria not only meets current business and regulatory requirements for motorway toll payments, but also guarantees that the 100 million payment card transactions undertaken every year via the sanef network are fast and secure.

Until now, the swiping of magnetic bands on credit cards was sufficient for authentication purposes, in ensuring speedy payment processing on motorways. However, EMV standards have changed the obligations by now requiring motorway management to read the smart card chip for all toll transactions. This, in addition to PCI-DESS¹, presents a major challenge for sanef and sapn (subsidiaries of the sanef Group) in migrating their systems architecture to the new structure.

In response to these challenges, sanef has implemented the Stecard® industrial modular platform, ensuring continuity of service from the initial transaction request through to final payment. This enables efficient management of higher volumes of up to 100 transactions per second. .

The Steria Stecard® solution has the capability of operating across new European "card" protocols and formats, which places it at the forefront of the banking industry and payment system standards...

"The Stecard® option satisfied our requirements and constraints on all scores," said Edouard Fischer, Director in charge of new technologies at sanef. "We needed an open-ended solution, capable of managing high volume banking flows independently on the road, and without requiring a PIN while guaranteeing secure payment and MPAA (Manuel de Paiement Automate sur Autoroute: French motorway automatic payment manuel) compliance."

About Steria: www.steria.com

Steria delivers IT enabled business services which help organisations in the public and private sectors operate more efficiently and profitably. By combining in depth understanding of our clients' businesses with expertise in IT and business process outsourcing, we take on our clients' challenges and develop innovative solutions to address them. Through our highly collaborative consulting style, we work with our clients to transform their business, enabling them to focus on what they do best. Our 18,300 people, working across 16 countries, support the systems, services and processes that make today's world turn, touching the lives of millions around the globe each day.



Founded in 1969, Steria has offices in Europe, India, North Africa and SE Asia and a 2009 revenue of €1,630 million. 19.3% of Steria's capital is owned by its employees. Headquartered in Paris, Steria is listed on the Euronext Paris market.

About Sanef: www.sanef.com

Sanef is a group, which manages mobility infrastructures and operates services.

Its objective is to foster the sustainable mobility of goods and people, to innovate and roll out top quality services, and contribute to the vitality of the different regions through its networks and toll solutions.

Sanef is part of the Abertis Group, leading European operator of mobility and telecommunications infrastructures, and top Abertis motorway network.

Its business model is based on high quality concession management, geared by customer satisfaction and cutting-edge development strategy for all new concessions and major toll projects in Europe, in addition to interconnected wireless toll services.

Sanef directly operates 1,743 kilometres of motorway, and has interests in motorway companies representing 280 kilometres of motorway in service or under construction. The Group employs 3,400 people. It posted aggregate turnover of €1,414 billion in 2009.

Its principal subsidiaries are sapn and eurotoll.

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¹ PCI-DSS: Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard. PCI-DSS is a standard that protects the privacy of card holders' data. The PCI-DSS standard defines security requirements for the storage, processing and transmission of payment card data in information systems.