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**charismathics and ULTRA to cooperate in Azerbaijan
as the country widely implements e-signature**

e-government to be effectively and proactively close to citizens

Munich (Germany), Baku (Azerbaijan) – 16 November 2011 – **ULTRA, one of the leading IT companies implementing information systems in Azerbaijan and other CIS countries, announced today that they have chosen charismathics, the independent identity management player, to supply their products and technology for the national digital signature project in the Caucasus region. The companies signed off an according agreement for the project recently introduced by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies. It is meant to offer e-government services to citizens as well as spread the use of e-signature as a validly effective legal tool for corporate, governmental entities and individuals. ULTRA is part of a consortium, along with Microsoft and Azerin Companies, that won the tender for developing and implementing the necessary national PKI infrastructure. Within this contract charismathics is meant to supply its PKI middleware along with the required smart card hardware.**

Along with this project, the unique approach of charismathics to the PKI scene has been awarded great attention again; since it was founded the company's main goal has been to bring PKI to consumers and making it available to the largest possible scale, this being the safest strong authentication technology up to this very day. charismathics has innovated the industry by integrating smart cards from major vendors into all mainstream computer platforms and third party applications, making a product mainly used by large organizations also ready for the end user. With iEnigma® charismathics recently also brought that CSSI® technology to smart phones, attracting all computer users to harden their devices against identity theft.

The scope of ULTRA Company, one of the most prominent manufacturers in Azerbaijan and the whole region, is Electronic Solutions, Programming, Manufacturing and Export of ICT solutions, as well as representation of interests and official distribution of products supplied by world-known IT corporations (Intel, Microsoft, HP, Cisco etc.). The Company, that has been successfully thriving in its activity for more than 12 years, is distinguished by constant innovations and development dynamics. Currently, ULTRA is engaged in the implementation of significant global projects, such as e-Learning, e-Documents management, e-Signature and e-Health. The company expands its activity to manufacturing of computers and laptops under NEXUS national brand and pursues an active economic policy to support the widespread of this national brand abroad.

"We are thrilled by Azerbaijan's modern approach to e-signature application. This project will immensely help the population receiving more immediate services from their authorities. We are delighted to co-operate with ULTRA for the deployment of this nationwide project and have experienced a brilliant collaboration. We are looking forward to the success of this project as the rollout intensifies", states Sven Gossel, charismathics Managing Director. Zaur Mammedzade, ULTRA General Director adds: "ULTRA specializes in the implementation of different Information Systems in Azerbaijan and other CIS countries and it is a honor for us to represent charismathics solutions in Azerbaijan".



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charismathics has been pioneering the global identity management arena since 2003.

With iEnigma[®], the company re-invented the smart card and decade-old visions of designing screens and keyboards onto smart cards finally become reality. Only one set of credentials serves all needs for a digital identity, whether in the office or on the road. The user is in full control of his credentials, not only visually, but is able to manage his digital identities himself and directly on the phone.

The charismathics Smart Security Interface CSSI[®] is a comprehensive and agnostic PKI client framework. Extremely versatile, it supports all computer platforms, myriads of smart card operating systems and token profiles, various technologies (including Trusted Platform Modules, RFID tokens, GSM SIM modules) and third party applications. Unparalleled flexibility translates into tremendous independence for enterprises from hardware lifecycles and proprietary software schemes, empowering them to combine different vendors of token management systems and hardware simultaneously, thus dramatically reducing their financial investment in PKI infrastructures.

charismathics is offering security products and services for a variety of industries ranging from corporate to finance, from e-government to health services, from e-education to telecommunications.

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ULTRA succeeded to achieve great triumphs within 12-year activity working under the principle "Always Innovation".

The staff of the Company comprises more than 150 people hard and efficiently working for the Company development. The Company staff includes natives and foreign citizens, who constantly improve their knowledge level and have high technical skills.

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