

## Dartagnan sponsors the Registered Traveler Forum

*The annual summit on how to increase security while facilitating travel opens its doors in Amsterdam on May 22 and 23.*

Milan, 19 May 2008 – Dartagnan, a full subsidiary of Schiphol Group the Netherlands, a Registered Traveler service provider specialized in design, implementation and operation of biometrically enabled border control and registered traveler (RT) programs, announces today that it is a Gold Sponsor of the Registered Traveler Forum.

Dartagnan will feature prominently at the two-day international conference and exhibition taking place at the Radisson SAS Hotel, Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam on May 22 and 23.

During the event, Dartagnan's role in the upcoming Expedited Traveler Initiative between the Governments of the USA and the Netherlands will be announced by Schiphol Group's President and CEO Prof. Gerlach J. Cerfontaine. Mr. Cerfontaine will elaborate on passing through the airport of the future and the role that Registered Traveler Programs will have in that respect.

Nanne Onland, Director of Schiphol Group's fully owned subsidiary Dartagnan looks back at more than 8 years of Schiphol Group / Dartagnan involvement in establishing Registered Traveler Programs. "In the late 90's Schiphol Group decided to develop the Privium program to anticipate the needs of frequent travelers for value added-services at the airport. Passenger profiles showed that a relatively small number of very frequent travelers constituted an extremely important passenger group for Schiphol airport and that commercial services could be created to facilitate their airport experience. It added to the overall quality perception of the airport and strengthened the customer relationship," comments Nanne Onland. "Privium is a great success and was the first of its kind in a market which is at present developing quickly. We recently opened up Sapphire, a similar program in Indonesia, and we are making our considerable experience and programs available to parties that want to create Registered Traveler programs. We are involved in the development of a number of international activities whereby we focus on providing travelers a seamless experience across airports, thus offering them interoperable expedited facilities."

Organized by Wise Media, the Registered Traveler Forum welcomes government representatives, border security and immigration officials, law enforcement and asylum authorities, airport authorities, frequent flyer program operators, embassy and consulate personnel, supporting organizations, as well as technology vendors and experts.

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#### **About Dartagnan**

Dartagnan is a Registered Traveler service provider specialized in design, implementation and operation of biometrically enabled border control and Registered Traveler (RT) programs.

Dartagnan is a full subsidiary of Schiphol Group, the Netherlands based international airport operator, that built in 2001 the world's first commercially deployed RT service program "Privium". Recognizing the future potential of these programs, Schiphol established Dartagnan. Dartagnan specialises in programs that provide frequent travelers with fast border passage and security checks using biometric identifiers such as iris recognition and fingerprints in return for an annual fee.

Dartagnan partners with airports, airlines and government authorities to design, build and operate RT programs. It operates programs in Europe ([www.privium.com](http://www.privium.com)) and Asia Pacific ([www.saphire.co.id](http://www.saphire.co.id)) and expects to launch the first Transatlantic Registered Traveler program in 2008.

[www.dartagnan.eu](http://www.dartagnan.eu)

#### **About the Registered Traveler Forum**

The Registered Traveler Forum, organized by Wise Media, is the first global initiative designed to showcase, thanks to a comprehensive conference program and live demonstrations, the technologies and solutions available to provide expedited security screening at airports to passengers. The Registered Traveler Forum, endorsed by the European Commission, is the first global platform to focus on the most relevant opportunities and issues relating to the introduction of Registered Traveler programs worldwide. For further information visit: [www.registered-traveler-forum.com](http://www.registered-traveler-forum.com)

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