

## Press release

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### **SIX Multipay actively supports its customers in certification according to the international card data security standard**

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**SIX Multipay Ltd, Switzerland's leading acquiring company, provides its customers significant support in certification according to PCI DSS, the international security standard of leading card businesses. SIX Multipay provides its customers both with a Web portal for simplified registration and self-disclosure, while also offering professional consultants to answer questions.**

The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) – the internationally applicable security standard for the protection of card information – requires all worldwide partners involved in the handling of card payments to follow certain security measures. The standard also requires that compliance with the guidelines be declared.

Together with the accredited certification firm, Acertigo, SIX Multipay is the first acquiring company in Switzerland to set up a Web portal where merchants can complete a self-assessment questionnaire and confirm compliance with the security measures required by PCI DSS. Weak points can also be identified directly through the portal if needed. A team of specialists is also available to support merchants.

“Any merchant can become the target of an attack on his or her card data. It is thus important for us to support our customers as they implement the necessary security measures and the required self-assessment,” states Christian Schmitz, PCI Officer at SIX Multipay. “The Web portal facilitates the implementation of PCI DSS guidelines and helps to substantially reduce the risk of card data theft.”

Werner Vogt, Spokesperson for SIX Group, is standing by to answer any further questions:

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### **About SIX Multipay Ltd, Zurich**

SIX Multipay is the leading acquiring company in Switzerland. As a marketing and sales organization, SIX Multipay signs contracts with merchants for the acceptance of cashless means of payment. With the credit cards Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club, Discover and JCB, the debit cards V PAY and Maestro and the value function CASH, SIX Multipay offers an intelligent solution for any purchase amount. The company also offers automatic currency conversion at the point of sale (Dynamic Currency Conversion), loading of call credits for prepaid mobile phones via payment terminals and ATMs (Mobile Voucher), processing of rebate coupons (Mobile Coupon) and the sale of electronic gift cards (GiftCard). With around 160 employees, the company processed 81.2 million credit card and 217.3 million debit card payments in Switzerland in 2008, corresponding to a total volume of 31.4 billion Swiss francs.

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### **About the security standard PCI DSS**

PCI DSS was introduced in 2006 by the leading international credit card organizations – Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Financial Services and JCB – to meet the rising number of cases of card data misuse. It applies to all companies that transmit, process and/or save card data.

The PCI DSS guidelines contain a dozen concrete requirements for handling card data. These include limitations on access to cardholder data, continuous updating of anti-virus software and regular testing of security systems and processes. As Switzerland's leading acquiring company, SIX Multipay has already repeatedly undergone PCI DSS certification.