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MasterCard Selects Integri's INQ Test Tool Platform To Simplify Authorization Testing

New simulator suite offers global standards, and local customization

ST. LOUIS, MO and **BRUSSELS**, *November 18, 2003*,– MasterCard International announced plans to introduce a new suite of authorization testing tools to support its customers globally. The new tools use the INQ platform from Integri N.V., one of MasterCard's strategic partners.

The tools help MasterCard customers test their authorization and clearing applications that interface to MasterCard's global networks. The tools simulate the MasterCard environment, so customers come to market with fully-tested programs. The INQ platform will allow customers to test the complete chain of electronic payment transactions from cards, terminals and host interfaces.

MasterCard has supplied simulator test tools since 1995, and is now consolidating all of its testing tools globally to a single platform. The suite includes new versions of the Credit Authorization, Debit Financial and European Member Integrated Testing simulators. It will provide easy-to-use tools with improved capabilities for testing core authorization transaction processing and products, such as M/Chip. Also, the new simulators help customers expand their testing capabilities beyond network simulation through add-on components such as terminals and terminal simulators. These components can help customers reduce fraud, test new card programs and move to market with emerging payments technologies rapidly.

MasterCard has more than 1,000 authorization simulators deployed globally. The migration to the INQ-based tools will commence in March 2004, beginning in Europe, and is expected to be completed by April 2005. With the new suite of Integri products, MasterCard is consolidating its global authorization simulator products to a single platform.

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“A strong processing platform includes best-in-class test tools,” said Jerry McElhatton, senior executive vice president, MasterCard International. “One of the benefits of our merger with our European partner was the global integration of all processing, while providing for local customization. Integri NV has a powerful and open test platform which meets our demanding standards. This new suite of products allows our customers to efficiently test for MasterCard release updates and new products, and also provides our customers options for their own internal testing needs.”

“Integri is delighted to be working with MasterCard on this project,” said Jan De Meester, chief executive officer, Integri. “Although we have worked with MasterCard Europe for many years, the expansion of our relationship to support MasterCard globally will provide MasterCard customers with enhanced test tools that can easily be expanded.”

The suite of MasterCard simulators are available to MasterCard’s customers and participants in the MasterCard Vendor Program.

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