



Portugal's Judiciary Police Enhances Security Infrastructure via Securnet and BIO-key

Holmdel, NJ and Lisbon, Portugal – January 2, 2024 - [BIO-key® International, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: BKYI), an innovative provider of workforce and customer Identity and Access Management (IAM) featuring passwordless, phoneless and token-less Identity-Bound Biometric (IBB) authentication solutions, today announced the Judiciary Police of Portugal (Polícia Judiciária) has significantly enhanced its operational security by implementing a robust Virtual Private Network (VPN) secured by BIO-key Swivel Secure authentication technology AuthControl Sentry. The deployment was sourced through BIO-key's strategic collaboration with Securnet.

The VPN, along with an advanced Access Control Device system provided by Securnet, significantly augments the security and efficiency of communications and data access for the Judiciary Police. The technologies support key infrastructure supporting the relentless fight against organized crime, terrorism, drug trafficking, corruption, as well as economic and financial crimes.

"The Judiciary Police's commitment to advanced technological solutions is commendable," said Alex Rocha, Managing Director of BIO-key Europe. "Our involvement in this project, through our partnership with Securnet, demonstrates the adaptability and strength of our security solutions in high-stakes environments. This collaboration is a prime example of how cutting-edge technology can empower law enforcement agencies to perform their critical duties more securely and effectively."

"The implementation of these security solutions, facilitated by our collaboration with Securnet was pivotal in maintaining the integrity of communications. These technologies play a vital role in safeguarding information systems and operations, which are essential in the fight against sophisticated criminal networks."

About Securnet (www.securnet.pt)

Founded in 2002 with the mission of putting organizations "Always online, Always Secure", Securnet has evolved into a complete provider of IT infrastructure solutions and services. The excellence of Securnet solutions and services is widely recognized by customers and manufacturers as generators of value, innovation and competitiveness. Betting on transparent, trustworthy and long-term relationships, supported by an experienced, efficient, specialized and certified technical team, Securnet is a preferred supplier and technological partner of an increasing number of customers across a diverse range of sectors and industries.

About BIO-key International, Inc. (www.BIO-key.com)

BIO-key is revolutionizing authentication and cybersecurity with biometric-centric, multi-factor identity and access management (IAM) software securing access for over thirty-five million users. BIO-key allows customers to choose the right authentication factors for diverse use cases, including phoneless, tokenless, and passwordless biometric options. Its hosted or on-premise PortalGuard IAM solution provides cost-effective, easy-to-deploy, convenient, and secure access to computers, information, applications, and high-value transactions.

About the Judiciary Police (www.policiajudiciaria.pt)

The Polícia Judiciária (PJ; English: Judiciary Police) is the national criminal investigation police agency of Portugal, focused in fighting serious crimes, including homicides, kidnapping, organized crime, terrorism,

illegal drug trade, corruption, cybercrime and financial crime. It is integrated into the Ministry of Justice, but operates under the supervision of the Public Ministry.

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