

## **NDS LAUNCHES CHIP SECURITY CONSULTING AND LABORATORY SERVICES**

### **Highlights:**

- Chip security evaluation and consulting division, SiVenture, launched by NDS.
- SiVenture offers independent expertise to major chip designers and manufacturers
- SiVenture offers extensive and high quality laboratory facilities and services

**London, UK – December 1, 2003** - NDS, a News Corporation company and a leading provider of technology solutions for digital pay-TV, launches SiVenture. SiVenture offers independent expertise to chip designers and major manufacturers to assess chip security and quality.

SiVenture's range of expert skills, built up over many years within a commercial environment, include smart card chip hardware and software security analysis, crypto analysis and smart card system security. The team has a significant knowledge and understanding of the chip technology marketplace and the evaluation of security sensitive applications and hardware devices.

Currently, SiVenture is engaged in leading edge, high security projects that cover chip technology, platform software, secure hardware devices and operational lifecycle.

Based in the UK, the SiVenture Laboratories offer a range of security, fault and quality analysis services for all chip types. Equipment includes a comprehensive set of tools for preparing, de-processing, probing and modifying samples. This includes a wide range of microscopy – optical, focused ion beam, scanning electron and atomic force, and comprehensive electronic measurement and signal analysis tool-sets.

“NDS is just one company that requires secure chip technology to support and maintain a leading position within the marketplace. SiVenture brings to that marketplace a range of skills, experience and resources to support the demands for secure and high quality chip technology,” said Graham Higgins, Head of SiVenture.

### **About NDS**

NDS Group plc (NASDAQ/Euronext:NNDS) is a leading supplier of open end-to-end digital pay TV solutions for the secure delivery of entertainment and information to television set-top boxes and IP devices. See <http://www.nds.com/> for more information about NDS.

### **About SiVenture**

The team of people at SiVenture have more than 12 years of experience working with smart card chip technology. They formed part of the core team responsible for the development of such applications as Mondex, MULTOS, Javacard implementation and ITSEC level E6 certification. See <http://www.siventure.co.uk>.

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