



# KUDELSKI SECURITY AND ATHONET ENTER STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE THEIR CLIENTS WITH A SECURE 4G LTE SOLUTION

**Cheseaux, Switzerland, April 13th, 2014** - Kudelski Security, the cybersecurity division of the Kudelski Group (SIX: KUD.S), and Athonet, provider of an innovative mobile core network solution, are pleased to announce the establishment of a strategic partnership, providing a groundbreaking solution for secure 4G-LTE communications to the defense and public sectors, critical businesses and public safety.

Cellular communications have evolved drastically in recent years. Whilst this evolution has allowed faster and better information exchange between individuals, it renders critical assets increasingly exposed to rising cybercrime. Nowadays, most communication is dependent on the security, speed and reliability of public networks and Internet connection – both prime targets of cyberattack. To remedy the weaknesses of public network infrastructures, businesses and governments administrations are looking for dedicated solutions that provide a higher degree of independence whilst optimizing cybersecurity.

Within this context, Kudelski Security has adopted Athonet's PriMo product to develop the Secure 4G-LTE solution, consisting of a self-contained mobile network infrastructure dedicated to the defense and public sectors, critical businesses and public safety.

"In a fast-changing threat landscape, businesses and administrations have to securely communicate and share data as well as control their critical digital infrastructure. To this end, our strategic partnership with Athonet aims at offering secure-by-design 4G-LTE technology including secure voice, real-time video and data services" said Christophe Nicolas, Senior Vice President and Head of Kudelski Security."

"Our PriMo product has proven once again to be the optimal choice when it comes to building distributed and reliable LTE networks for mission-critical applications" said Karim El Malki, Athonet's CEO, "Kudelski are a leading player in the security industry whose cybersecurity competence can provide significant value to our virtual mobile packet core for government and security users".

The Secure 4G-LTE solution, fully controlled and managed by the customer, can be deployed both as a centralized system and as a distributed system of secure, independent network bubbles, and increases the availability of the mobile network. Furthermore, the solution can be customized as (ruggedized) mobile units for rapid

deployment in the case of critical operations such as natural disasters, temporary events, strategic operations, etc. The secure 4G-LTE solution guarantees the confidentiality of IP communications. Optional integration of customized algorithms into the hardware or software encryption can generate enhanced security.

#### About Kudelski Security

Kudelski Security, a division of the Kudelski Group, is an innovative independent Swiss provider of tailored cyber security solutions and services to enterprises, financial institutions, government administrations and the media industry. Its team of cyber security professionals boasts extensive expertise in the delivery of end-to-end digital security solutions built upon real-life experiences in advanced threat detection, security assessments, asset and reputation protection, as well as piracy risk mitigation. Kudelski Security's global reach and multi-disciplinary incident response is reinforced by strategic international partnerships. Kudelski Security is headquartered in Cheseaux-sur-Lausanne, Switzerland. For more information visit: www.kudelskisecurity.com

### About the Kudelski Group

The Kudelski Group is listed on the Swiss Stock Exchange (SIX: KUD.S). It is a world leader in digital security; its technologies are used in a wide range of services and applications requiring access control and rights management to secure the revenues of content owners and service providers for digital television. The Group also offers cyber security solutions and services focused on helping companies assess risks and vulnerabilities and protect their data and systems. The Kudelski Group is also a technology leader in the area of access control and management of people or vehicles at sites and events. The Kudelski Group holds thousands of issued and pending patents worldwide and is headquartered in Cheseaux-sur-Lausanne, Switzerland. For more information, please visit www.nagra.com

#### **About Athonet**

Athonet is a company specialized in the field of mobile network infrastructure where "the software is the network". Athonet has created a unique compact, cost-effective and transportable Mobile Core solution for LTE/UMTS/WiFi networks dedicated to serving mobile operators, professional users and MVNOs. Athonet's product, PriMo, has been fully built in-house to virtualize (NFV) and increase the performance of the Mobile Core in a cost-effective manner running on standard IT servers. PriMo provides very low latency, highly reliable complete support for LTE/WiFi voice and data services that have been successfully deployed by operators, government and private clients in real-world mission-critical conditions. Athonet is headquartered in Italy. For more information please visit: www.athonet.com

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