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**The access control market is rapidly moving towards contactless technologies. But solutions must be both uncomplicated and high-secure. These are the two fundamental pillars of STid's expertise. Gordon Mackay, STid's UK Director and Vincent Dupart, STid's CEO explain.**

1) What makes STid stand out in the access control market?



**Vincent Dupart:** STid invents and delivers high security contactless identification solutions for physical and logical access control and automatic vehicle Identification. Our key strength is that we succeed in combining two contradictory needs: to ensure flawless



security whilst creating a seamless user experience. Ninety per cent of people consider access control as a constraint. With STid, access control becomes instinctive and still guarantees data protection.



**Gordon Mackay:** Another STid strength is our capacity to offer uniformed end-to-end security. We ensure faultless end-to-end security between the card and the reader (with MIFARE DESFire EV2/ EV3 technologies), and between the reader and the controller-Local Processing Unit with systems capable of supporting OSDP and SSCP protocols.

2) Where do you see access control heading?

**Gordon Mackay:** The access control market is taking a decisive turn towards contactless. Contactless technologies offer a real solution to the need for protection. There is a global transformation in attitudes to adopt this new technology and quickly protect our colleagues within the workplace. Hence the necessity to digitalize the access control system with solutions as STid Mobile ID. STid Mobile ID, which digitalizes all access badges/cards in one single app, manages physical access for employees, the reception of visitors, virtual

access to workstations, etc. The application provides six identification modes for a unique user experience: tap your smartphone twice, swipe your hand across the reader, use your smartphone like a remote control or your Apple Watch to open doors.

**Vincent Dupart:** The access control market is predicting the end of outdated proprietary key solutions. Since STid were formed, we have chosen not to lock our customers into their own security solutions. This is another strong STid differential within the access market. When you install a new lock at home, you don't give a duplicate key to your lock-installer. This should be exactly the same in corporate security. You must be autonomous and independent so that you are in total control of your security strategy and have ultimate freedom to choose what suits your needs best.

3) What's the next step?

**Vincent Dupart:** Continuing to grow by designing solutions that simplify and protect users' daily lives! This period is challenging for companies but STid's growth continues. Imagining new modes of identification, continuously improving the ergonomics of our solutions, etc we will carry on working every day to make access control ever more instinctive and secure!

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