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Symposium Homeland Security

Security concepts put to the test

An initiative of FIS GmbH – A survey of the issue of security in Germany and Europe – Experiences of the Department of Homeland Security in the USA

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With its initiative for the symposium “Homeland Security” on the 27th of April 2006 in Königstein/Taunus FIS GmbH is now comprehensively involved in security issues. The title of the symposium refers to the name of the Department of Homeland Security, founded in 2002 in the USA as a coordinating agency in charge of all prevention and security activities. Both the results of terrorist attacks and as well those of natural disasters belong to the range of responsibilities of the department. This concept of coordinated security actions and risk management raises a number of questions with regard to the situation in Germany and Europe. For instance: Will Germany’s and Europe’s mostly historically matured security structures be able to cope with the increasing globalization of terrorist and civil threats in the future?

The lectures of the top-class experts in the discussions during the symposium are focussed on the following subjects:

- The results and further development of political measures as well as legal regulations for a comprehensive risk management
- Concepts and measures for threat prevention, especially with regard to traffic and transportation systems
- Integrated security solutions as a requirement to the industry

The ten experts of this symposium were:

Dr. Wilhelm Bender, Chairman of the board of directors of Fraport AG;

Peter Andres and Jens Puls, Security administrators of Lufthansa and Deutsche Bahn AG;

MdB Hans Eichel, Member of the German Parliament and member of the Executive Committee for EU affairs;

Ralf Nagel, State Secretary (ret.), chairman of Putz & Partner Consulting;

Elmar Theveßen, TV journalist and security expert of the German television channel ZDF;

Joram Bobasch, Managing Director of FIS GmbH with a lecture about the topic “Integrated Security Solutions – New Challenges for the industry”;

As a guest expert from the USA Mr. Clark Kent Ervin, former Inspector General of the US Department of Homeland Security, gives a lecture about “Possible Structures of Homeland Security – Experiences with the implementation in the USA”

Mr. Sören Bartol (MdB), member of the German Parliament and deputy of the task force for transportation, construction and urban development, started the lectures with his topic “Protection of critical transportation infrastructures as a common task of the administration and private businesses”.

Recent years have shown that terrorist attacks against transportation and traffic systems like in New York, Washington, Madrid and London rank among the threats of the present. Natural disasters like in New Orleans and civil incidents like the day-lasting power failure in Münsterland during last winter can cause emergency situations and security deficits, which require an effective operational security structure for civil protection.

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