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## **Tactilis' Opens World's First Dedicated Biometric Smartcard Manufacturing Facility**

**PENANG.** Tactilis Pte. Limited, the trusted partner in authentication and ID management services, today officially opened its first global facility in Penang, Malaysia. The purposely designed facility will support the growing global demand for its biometric ID solutions and serves as Tactilis' Centre of Excellence for its Global Manufacturing and Research & Development.

Michael Gardiner, Tactilis Founder & CEO said, "We are very proud to open the world's first dedicated facility for manufacturing biometric smartcards. This significant milestone allows us to deploy our simple, quick and easy-to-scale solution and makes it easier than ever to authenticate and manage identities and protect precious data. We are looking forward to enabling citizens, businesses and government organizations get the most out of the open world while securing their interests with just one fingerprint."

The Penang facility will be the benchmark for other Tactilis manufacturing centers globally. Its modular manufacturing design supports the company's strategy for rapid expansion and growth. Penang was selected from several possible locations by Tactilis due to its experienced local workforce, efficient logistics and mature microelectronics ecosystem.

Dato' Azman Mahmud, Chief Executive Officer of the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA), added: "We welcome Tactilis to Penang which is renowned for embracing new technologies such as smart manufacturing, Internet-of-Things (IoT) and Industry 4.0. This project is an example of the type of investments that we want to see coming into Malaysia. I believe the establishment of this new Centre of Excellence by Tactilis will foster the right environment for innovation and game-changing ideas, while ultimately boosting the competitiveness of our local suppliers in meeting international standards and enable them to integrate themselves into the global value chain", stated Dato' Azman.

Tactilis provides biometric card solutions to a wide range of applications including smart cities, private membership programmes, commercial enterprises, private banking and government sectors. Its current customer base is in the United States of America, the European Union, and the Middle East.

### **ABOUT TACTILIS**

Tactilis believes that living in a connected world is a good thing and offers simple, quick and easy-to-scale solutions that make it easier than ever to authenticate and manage identities, protect precious data and create trustworthy environments for citizens, businesses and government organizations. With extensive technological know-how and cutting-edge manufacturing processes, Tactilis helps you get the most out of the open world while securing your interests with just one fingerprint.