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More than 400 license plates are stolen on a daily basis IDePLATEs can help remedy the situation

Bremen, May 2016. According to estimates of the Allgemeine Versicherungs-AG (ARAG), 160,000 license plates are stolen in Germany every year. This comes to an average of 400 thefts per day. A real problem for entrepreneurs and private persons and considerable extra work for the administration, since a theft has far-reaching consequences. This includes dealing with authorities and costs up to 100 for the replacement. If it is a personal license plate, the costs are even higher. Moreover, the old license plate remains blocked for five years. The company J.H. TÖNNJES E.A.S.T. from Delmenhorst has developed a solution to the problem with the IDePLATE. These are license plates with integrated passive RFID chip. It contains a unique and unchangeable identification number that can be transferred by means of encryption technology. The safe detection by authorised reading devices complicates the use of stolen license plates. The technology already used abroad could also reduce the number of thefts in Germany.

The plate thieves have different intentions. Very often the use stolen license plates for petrol theft at fuel stations or to get a flawed vehicle through the technical inspection. It would be possible to put an end to these plans by using IDePLATEs. The so-called "Third license plate", which is found on the inside of the windscreen in form of a holographic sticker, provides additional safety. If the details of the so-called IDeSTIX do not match the ones of the actual license plate, the system detects this. "Up to now, Germany has neglected to publicly discuss this technology. Now is the right time for a debate in order not to be overtaken by systems developed abroad. Among others, the organised theft of high-grade vehicles can be combatted using the IDePLATE", explains Dietmar Mönning, Managing Director at TÖNNJES.

In Germany, the introduction of the technology is also conceivable through a test phase, says Dietmar Mönning with conviction. "In many states the authorities have a positive attitude towards the possibilities of the IDePLATE. In the Netherlands, a large-scale experiment is being carried out until the end of the year under the watchful eye of the local ministry of transport", he explains. Apart from protection from theft and counterfeiting, the new development has other advantages. According to statements of the experts, automated entries and exits on company premises or in parking garages can be organised in a more time and cost-saving manner. Even during major events such as the upcoming European Football Championships in France, the security situation could be improved with IDePLATEs. Competent authorities would be in a position to detect terroristic activities in connection with stolen vehicles at an earlier stage.

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About J.H. TÖNNJES E.A.S.T. GmbH & Co. KG

As leading provider of security license plates for vehicles, J.H. TÖNNJES E.A.S.T. offers its customers solutions for vehicle identification for different requirements. The products are used to protect from manipulation, fraud and theft. Equipped with latest technologies, the company develops modular systems and individual complete solutions that fulfil the specific requirements in the fields of security, organisation and logistics.

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