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ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFIED SARPCCO FIREARMS REGISTRARS DATABASE AND MARKING OF FIREARMS

To whom it may concern,

The Institute for Security Studies (ISS) hereby wishes to confirm that Traceability Solutions and its alliance partner FACTT were awarded the order from the Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation Organization (SARPCCO), through the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) for a Unified Firearms Database and the supply equipment for the marking of firearms in 2009.

Traceability Solutions and FACTT were acknowledged as having the best possible solution for this project, given the history of these companies in similar projects, one of which being for the South African Police Services on a very similar application.

The solution for SARPCCO relates to the marking and management of small arms in the Southern African region. This is in accordance with the SADC firearms control protocol and the resolutions of the 3rd SARPCCO Regional Coordinating Committee on Small Arms and Light Weapons meeting, 12-14 May 2009.

It is acknowledged that Traceability Solutions will provide the marking and identification hardware as well as the training and support on this solution. FACTT will supply the solution for the management of the firearms through means of the unique codes (Industrial Fingerprint) that is embedded into the firearm. The management consists of identifying the person (biometrics), scanning the Industrial Fingerprint, and with the software, manages the firearm to SARPCCO's specifications.

Training commenced on the 21st of February 2011. Both Traceability Solutions and FACTT are recommended as a result of the deliverables and training provided.

I trust this letter serves as confirmation of the above two company's capabilities.

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Yours truly

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