



Major investment in Uganda: Veridos and UPPC establish local security printing factory

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World-leading identity solutions provider Veridos today announced the start of a major investment project in the Republic of Uganda. The company entered into 15-year-partnership with the government of Uganda to provide the country's citizens with all relevant security documents. A new joint venture, Uganda Security Printing Company (USPC), has been created by German Veridos and the state owned Uganda Printing and Publishing Corporation (UPPC) specifically for this wide-ranging project.

The partnership covers the establishment of a modern security printing factory capable of producing all security documents, including ePassports and polycarbonate ID cards, and supplying all related services. Veridos is also deploying its trusted identity management platform IMAGO to enhance identity document enrolment, data management and personalization processes, and the latter will be carried out in a newly constructed facility.

Evelyn Anite, State Minister of Finance for Investment and Privatisation, said: “We are pleased that in Veridos we have found a reliable partner to help us to modernise our complete security document infrastructure. Local ID production will not only result in a more cost-efficient way to supply national ID – it will also create more than 100 jobs for highly skilled workers.”

Hans Wolfgang Kunz, CEO of Veridos, said: “We are excited to embark on this longlasting partnership which will help the country to modernise its identity infrastructures and enable local production of security documents. This project ensures that Uganda meets the East African Community targets for issuing Passports. Ugandan citizens will benefit from smooth and secure travel with ICAO-compliant* ePassports and enhanced identification processes thanks to the new sophisticated ID cards.”

*ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization)

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Veridos GmbH creates secure identification and identity solutions for governments and public authorities throughout the world. Founded in January 2015, the joint venture between Giesecke+Devrient GmbH and Bundesdruckerei GmbH pools the expertise of the two largest German providers for high-security technologies to serve the international market.

The Veridos portfolio includes solutions for the production and personalization of passport documents, ID cards, driver's licenses, and healthcare cards. These are complemented by data management systems for personalization, issuance, and documentation, as well as solutions for personal identification, voter registration, and border control. In addition to its headquarters in Berlin and the operating facility in Munich, Veridos is represented around the world including in Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Singapore, the USA, and the United Arab Emirates. For more information on Veridos, please visit www.veridos.com.

UGANDA PRINTING AND PUBLISHING CORPORATION (UPPC)

Uganda Printing and Publishing Corporation (UPPC) was established in 1992 under the Uganda Printing and Publishing Corporation Act CAP 330. It is the official government printing service for security and general printing for all government ministries, departments and agencies, created to preserve and protect the integrity of the Ugandan government's sensitive information. For more information on UPPC, please visit <https://uppc.go.ug/>.