



## Veridos builds high-tech ID factory with Iraqi government

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Berlin/Baghdad, September 25, 2018 – Together with the Iraqi Ministry of Interior, world-leading identity solutions provider Veridos is building a new identity document factory in the Republic of Iraq. The production site will be located in the capital, Baghdad, and enables the country to independently produce its own electronic ID cards and passports on site. Veridos will also provide all relevant services and maintenance activities.

This new production facility represents a milestone for the Republic of Iraq. Qassim Al-Arraji, the Iraqi Minister of Interior, said: “The first security document manufacturing site with high-tech equipment is now going to be built in our country, creating more than 100 jobs for highly skilled workers in and around the factory. We have already successfully implemented a state-of-the-art electronic ID system with Veridos including a pioneering national register. We are pleased to continue this productive partnership.”

Veridos CEO Hans-Wolfgang Kunz said: “Identity documents will not only be personalized in the country, but the whole document production process will be in local hands. Equipped with state-of-the-art production technology, the factory will be able to produce all the latest security features for identity documents. Veridos is also passing on all required technical expertise to local employees.”

Just this week, Minister of Interior Qassim al Arraji and German Ambassador Dr. Cyrill Nunn were in Baghdad to take part in the ceremony, which officially kicked off the first stage in the project – the production of ICAO\* compliant ePassports in a high-security compound close to Baghdad International Airport.

For more information on the project, please visit [www.veridos.com/Iraq\\_factory](http://www.veridos.com/Iraq_factory) ↗

\*ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization)

### Veridos GmbH

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, Munich, and Bundesdruckerei GmbH, Berlin, 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.

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