

WIGGIN AND DANA COUNSELS ASSA ABLOY'S HID GLOBAL IN \$337 MILLION ACQUISITION OF FARGO ELECTRONICS

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NEW HAVEN, CONN. - The law firm of Wiggin and Dana LLP is pleased to have served as counsel to HID Global Corporation, part of the ASSA ABLOY group of companies, in its \$337 million (including cash) acquisition of Fargo Electronics, Inc., a publicly-traded company listed on NASDAQ. The deal is the result of a long-standing relationship between the two security solutions companies and their decision to pursue joint opportunities in the secure identification field.

HID Global, a leading supplier and manufacturer in the access control industry, will acquire Fargo Electronics in exchange for an all-cash consideration of \$25.50 per share. Fargo Electronics is a global leader in the development of secure technologies for identity card issuance systems, including secure card printers/encoders, materials, and software. The transaction is expected to close at the end of the third quarter, subject to stockholder and regulatory approval. The offer is not subject to any financing contingency.

"This deal creates a true leader in the rapidly growing market for secure issuance of corporate and national ID credentials, and we are pleased to have represented HID Global in this matter," said Terence Jones, a partner at Wiggin and Dana and counsel to HID Global. Along with Jones, Firm partners Mary Norris and Suzanne Wachsstock and associates Michael Pych and Kim Rinehart also worked on the acquisition. ASSA ABLOY and HID Global were also advised by UBS Investment Bank.

About HID

HID is a leading supplier and manufacturer in the access control industry, serving customers worldwide with proximity and contactless smart card technologies; central station managed access controllers; secure and custom card solutions; digital identity and photo card management software solutions; and electronic cylinders. Headquartered in Irvine, California, HID operates international offices that support more than 100 countries and is a member of ASSA ABLOY Global Technologies Division. To learn more, please visit www.hidcorp.com.

About Fargo

Founded in 1974, Fargo Electronics, Inc. is a global leader in the development of secure technologies for identity card issuance systems, including secure card printer/encoders, materials and software. The company has sold more than

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120,000 systems in the U.S. and over 80 other countries worldwide. Fargo card issuance systems reduce vulnerabilities and potential for loss of time, money and lives by continually improving the security of identity credentials. Fargo provides physical, information, and transaction security for a wide variety of applications and industries, including government, corporate, national IDs, drivers' licenses, universities, schools and membership. Based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, Fargo markets its products through a global distribution network of professional security integrators.

Wiggin and Dana serves clients from offices in Connecticut, Philadelphia and New York. The firm's expertise in public and private company mergers and acquisitions is supplemented by venture capital, information technology, biotechnology, securities, all forms of litigation and dispute resolution, antitrust, complex corporate and real estate transactions, health care, environmental, franchise and distribution, taxation, intellectual property, estate planning, and labor and employment. For more information on the firm, visit its website at www.wiggin.com.

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