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## **Onity's *ADVANCE* RFID Electronic Locking Solution Provides "Plug & Play" Security Technology Upgrade**

**ATLANTA, GA – June 23, 2009** – Onity's recently released *ADVANCE* RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) contact-less electronic locking solution is designed to make it quick and affordable for hotels to upgrade from traditional magstripe locking technology to RFID, the latest and most advanced reader technology currently available in the hospitality security market. The *ADVANCE* lock's modular two-piece design allows current Onity *ADVANCE* customers to complete a technology upgrade from magstripe to RFID with only a simple "plug & play" replacement of the card reader, which in most cases takes less than five minutes per door to install. Onity, one of the world's leading providers of electronic locking solutions, is part of UTC Fire & Security, a unit of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX).



In addition to replacing the lock reader, a central office software upgrade is all that is needed to complete the *ADVANCE* RFID installation. The lock handle, hardware and other electronics need not be replaced.

"The easy upgrade path is a major reason that two-piece guest room door locks are rapidly replacing traditional one-piece units in hotels around the world, said Daniel Foxworth, Onity's Vice President of Hospitality Sales. "Smart hoteliers know that guest security is of the utmost importance and security technology is constantly evolving and improving. With *ADVANCE*, it is possible to upgrade quickly and affordably, with less room downtime or disturbance to their guests. It is a seamless process."

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Onity's *ADVANCE* RFID locking solution is engineered utilizing the secure and reliable reader technology, which is MiFare® and NFC (Near Field Communication) compatible, and meets the most stringent standards in the industry, including ISO14443A and ISO14443B (part 4). It is also BHMA 156.25 and BHMA 156.13 certified.

The system employs multiple levels of encryption in order to maximize security. All Onity *ADVANCE* RFID cards are encrypted with the NXP Crypto-1 encoding algorithm, used in more than 1 billion smartcards throughout the world. For even more advanced security, Onity has taken the additional step of further encrypting the information which is encoded on the MiFare token and passed over the *ADVANCE* RFID lock reader. This encryption is unique to Onity, and provides an extra level of protection by ensuring that newly-encoded cards will cancel out lost/stolen cards once used in the locks, rendering them invalid.

*ADVANCE* RFID also offers a selection of aesthetic options, including finishes, handle designs, and cover plates that allow hoteliers to blend the guest room door locks into any hotel décor.

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#### **About Onity**

Onity (formerly TESA Entry Systems, Inc.), a leading global provider of electronic locking systems, offers innovative technological solutions and services for the Hospitality, Corporate, Education, Government and Marine markets. The company's ever-expanding family of facility management solutions includes electronic locks, in-room safes, and Senercomm® energy-management systems. Headquartered in Duluth, Georgia, Onity has R&D and manufacturing operations in Spain, Mexico, China, and the U.S., as well as an extensive sales and service network that spans more than 115 countries around the globe. For information about Onity's electronic hospitality solutions please visit [www.onity.com](http://www.onity.com).

#### **About UTC Fire & Security**

Onity is part of UTC Fire & Security, which provides fire safety and security solutions to more than one million customers around the world. Headquartered in Connecticut, UTC Fire & Security is a business unit of United Technologies Corp., which provides high technology products and services to the building and aerospace industries worldwide. More information can be found at [www.utcfireandsecurity.com](http://www.utcfireandsecurity.com).

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