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**ABnote™ Global Appoints Uwe Ludwig as CEO of International Business Unit**

FORT LEE, NEW JERSEY – October 16, 2011 – American Banknote Corporation (“ABnote”), a leading global provider of secure documents, issuance systems and related services, announced today the appointment of Uwe Ludwig of Düsseldorf, Germany as CEO of its newly formed International Business Unit. In its continuing focus to increase global penetration of its secure identity, payment and ticketing solutions, ABnote has strategically realigned its worldwide sales resources, under the guidance of Mr. Ludwig.

Ludwig’s extensive background in providing secure documents and solutions most recently includes Vice President of Sales for Europe, Middle East and Africa for LaserCard. Ludwig joined LaserCard upon its acquisition of Cards & More GmbH, an ID solution enterprise, and Challenge Card Design GmbH, a leading manufacturer of high quality specialty cards, each of which Ludwig had co-founded. Previously, he served as the Business Development Manager for NISCA Card Printers in Europe.

In his new role, Uwe Ludwig will lead ABnote’s international sales organization in promoting the breadth and depth of secure solutions for both plastic and paper documents and solutions. Included in these offerings will be contact, contactless and dual interface National Identity cards, driver’s licenses, banking cards, transportation cards, high security paper products such as machine readable and electronic passports, bonds and vital records, along with a host of secure service offerings including ABnote’s ABNterprise™ enrollment and issuance service, and a range of certified TSM and NFC solutions and services.

Steven Singer, Chairman and CEO of ABnote Corporation, stated: “We are very thrilled to have a professional of the caliber of Uwe Ludwig join ABnote’s senior leadership team. Uwe brings with him invaluable expertise in the secure document arena, and adds greatly to the long trusted reputation of the company. I am confident that his strategic vision for the International Business Unit will allow us to accelerate our already expanding global footprint, providing solutions to both governments and commercial organizations in the secure document world”.

According to Mr. Ludwig: “ABnote has long been known as a global leader for card and paper secure solutions, and I am excited to be identifying the vision and leading the efforts of the International Business Unit. Understanding the technologically-advanced secure solution needs of unique governments and commercial businesses worldwide, ABnote will be their trusted partner in bringing peace of mind both to them and to the document end-user, knowing that the document is the most secure available in the world.”



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**About ABnote Global™**

ABnote, with facilities in North America, Europe and Australasia, is a premier and trusted provider of secure documents and related services. Its primary products include identification and secure access cards (drivers’ licenses, national ID cards for governments worldwide, hotel and facility entry cards), financial cards (debit and credit cards), commercial plastic cards (gift, loyalty and membership), secure documents (savings bonds, stock certificates, passports, vital records, and checks), and related services (including NFC, TSM, personalization, secure warehousing, distribution and fulfillment).

For more information on ABnote and its products, visit [www.ABnote.com](http://www.ABnote.com) or call 800-776-7333 US or 800-461-6723 Canada.

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