



Banque Populaire announces 'go-live' with Norkom's anti-money laundering solutions

May 13, 2009 – Leuven, Belgium – Banque Populaire, France's leading co-operative bank, has successfully implemented anti-money laundering (AML) solutions from [Norkom Technologies](#), reducing the threat of financial crime and complying fully with the 3rd EU Money Laundering Directive.

Norkom's AML solution, recognized by leading analyst firms as the market's most advanced solution, was deployed across its 17 retail banking operations in France, with a subsequent rollout planned for a further 7 banking entities.

Speaking about the project, David Hotte, Head of Financial Security said, "We are pleased with the successful implementation of Norkom's AML solution. At Banque Populaire, we take the issues of financial crime and compliance very seriously. We appreciate the benefits of deploying a single technology infrastructure across the enterprise for the risk-based management of our business, in an effort to enhance our overall compliance and improve our defenses against financial crime of all types. By improving our defenses in this way, we decrease the risk of incurring financial or reputational damage implicit in financial crime, helping to protect our business, customers and shareholders".

Norkom's advanced AML solution enables Banque Populaire to effectively monitor, detect, investigate and report on suspicious activities or unusual behavior across all its operations and business lines. Forming part of a fully-integrated financial crime software suite underpinned by a common technology platform, it enables financial institutions to detect multiple types of crime – from money laundering to fraud.

According to Alain Tayenne, General Manager of Norkom Europe, "We are delighted to add Banque Populaire as one of our satisfied clients. We have a very strong understanding of the challenges facing financial institutions and strive to enhance their operations through the expertise and solutions they need to combat all forms of financial crime. This joint success with Banque Populaire further consolidates our market-leading position in the European financial crime and compliance marketplace".

Norkom counts six of the world's top ten banks as clients, in addition to the largest banks in Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, UK, Scandinavia, Spain and Australia.

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About Banque Populaire (www.banquepopulaire.fr)

The Banque Populaire Group is a cooperative group comprising 20 Banque Populaire banks (18 Banque Populaire regional banks, CASDEN Banque Populaire and Crédit Coopératif). The capital of these companies is wholly owned by their member-stakeholders. The Banque Populaire banks are the parent companies of Banque Fédérale des Banques Populaires (BFBP), the central body of the Banque Populaire Group and Crédit Maritime Mutuel.

Since the end of 2006, BFBP, jointly with Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Épargne (CNCE), has also been the central body of Natixis, the listed vehicle jointly owned by Banque Populaire Group and Caisse d'Épargne Group. At the end of 2008, BFBP and CNCE together owned 35.78% of Natixis, top-class banking and financial solutions, in equal proportions. BFBP also directly or indirectly owns other equity interests in France and abroad.

About Norkom Technologies (www.norkom.com)

Established in 1998, Norkom Technologies (AIM: NORK.L, IEX: NORK.IE) enables financial organizations to take intelligent action, control defenses, and evolve strategies against fraud, money laundering, and other types of financial crime. Norkom has established a solid track record of reducing financial losses, protecting users' reputations, improving operational efficiencies and lowering the cost information technology.