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**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Keyware now a Bancontact Certificate Holder**

**Brussels, Belgium – 20 June 2016 – Keyware (EURONEXT Brussels: KEYW) is announcing that an agreement with Bancontact Company nv has been signed, making the company a Certificate Holder in the "Terminal Provider" and "POS Gateway" categories. Thanks to the new partnership, Keyware is able to offer Bancontact services directly to its customers. Keyware expects that this will already positively impact the turnover and result with regard to its payment transaction services this year.**

Since 1989, Bancontact has overseen the organization of payment traffic through debit cards and led the Belgian electronic payments market. The organization's activities are two-fold:

On the level of payment infrastructure, Bancontact determines how money is moved from the account of a payer (client) into that of a receiver (seller). For the card holder, the practical implementation goes through the bank that issued his card (the issuer); for a retailer, it is taken care of by the supplier of his payment terminal or online payment solution (the acquirer).

In addition, Bancontact also sets out the rules for correct payment transactions. That is to say, the organization ensures that payments pass off safely, quickly, and transparently. These rules apply to all components of the payment process, including the terms and conditions for cards, apps, terminals, etc. as well as the control, calculation, and processing of payments. This way, Bancontact guarantees quality across the entire payment system.

As an NSP (Network Service Provider) Keyware not only rents out and sells payment terminals, it also provides payment transaction services, for both debit and credit cards. To achieve this, Keyware collaborates with a number of different partners. The new agreement with Bancontact Company will enable Keyware to directly offer the Bancontact payment scheme to its customers—as an alternative to or in combination with Maestro—and process it through its PayService payment platform. This new service strengthens Keyware's position on the payments market.

Keyware expects that this will already positively impact both its Bancontact transactions turnover and its net result in 2016. The new certificate also contributes substantially towards enhancing Keyware's image and offerings in the multi-POS top segments, i.e. retail chains.

### **About Keyware**

Keyware (EURONEXT Brussels: KEYW) is a leading supplier of electronic payment solutions, loyalty systems, identity applications and related transaction management. Keyware is based in Zaventem, Belgium. More information is available on [www.keyware.com](http://www.keyware.com).



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