

# ARMATIX

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## Facts about Armatix

Armatix has concentrated its attention, as a part of SimonVoss Technologies AG, on developing digital weapons systems since 2008 (Press-release Habefa June 15th,2010)

According to their own press release (Armatix April 7th, 2010) Armatix GmbH was established 2004 as a spin-off of SimonVoss Technologies AG. The company seat was in Stuttgart (Baden Wuerttemberg, Germany), research and development is located in Unterfoehring (Bavaria) and production facilities are located in Petersberg (Thueringen). SimonVoss Shareholding GbR was major stockholder in 2004. The Regional Bank Baden-Wuerttemberg involved was with 25,1 % shares ( financial review National Bank Baden-Wuerttemberg 2005), in addition there were several more small investors.

Business affairs include development, production and distribution of systems for securing firearms (civilian and military). The product-lines were named "Quicklock" and "Smart Gun". In 2006 Armatix had 8 employees on their payroll.

According to the German federal gazette (Bundesanzeiger =>Armatix) Armatix declared €33.600 in own assets (€25.150 for the previous year), with €2.563.330 in capital-reserve (€49.850 for the previous year). €1.175.308 were declared as yearly loss (previous year €549.558). The book-balance of own assets rose from €0 to €865.369.

In 2008 yearly loss not covered by own assets rose to €4.068.235 (previous year €874.561). Yearly gains/loss was € -3.193.674 (€ -1731.560 previous year). The company obligations at this time were €6.559.796 (previous year €1.706.520) (Federal Gazette =>Armatix).

To date Armatix is supported by bmt, Freistaat Thüringen Shareholding Company. (bmt – Portfolio)

## Facts about the "mother-company" SimonsVoss

SimonsVoss was founded in 1995 by Bernd Dietel (CEO), Hans-Gernot Illig (CDO), Ludger Voss (CTO) and Bernd Quade (CFO). Business areas are digital lock- and admittance control systems, network-technologies and biometric systems. Company seat(s) are identical with those of Armatix (Unterfoehring and Petersberg). In 2005 the company advertised : "At this time SimonsVoss is unchallenged market- and technology leader in the rapidly growing market for digital, battery-powered Lock-and Admittance Control Systems". (SimonsVoss Brochure 2005)

In 2005 SimonsVoss lost their patent for the double-knob locking cylinder by court order, because of fraudulent misuse.

In 2008, Cartel authorities forbade the takeover of all SimonsVoss, Unterfoehring, shares by Assa Abloy AB, Stockholm, Sweden. Gross worldwide turnover of Assa Abloy was approx. 3,5 billion Euro, with SimonsVoss showing 30 -40 million Euro turnover.

On a combined market the merger would have added up to 65 – 70% (Assa Abloy 25 – 30 %, SimonsVoss 40- 45 %) of the entire market capacity, while providing the two companies with a 50% supremacy over the entire market. (Cartel-resolution November 5th, 2008)

Contrary to the expectations of market studies conducted by MSI, who had not anticipated a growing market for electronic admission systems (market-study for admittance systems), SimonsVoss succeeded in increasing turnover and company gains. Owing to good references from other suppliers, these admittance control systems were largely ordered by governmental institutes ( List of references ), while on the other hand private buyers criticised high prices and lacking upgrade possibilities to the systems.

Book-balances in 2009 quote : "Long-term loans to existing subsidiary companies increased by € 0,7 million to a total of € 7,6 million. New evaluations conducted in the previous years, and in business-year 2009, show to date December 31st 2009 total deductions of € 7,1 million.

In 2010 SimonsVoss sold two thirds of its shares for 82 Million Euro to the British finance-investor HgCapital. The merging of HgCapital into the Munich company-branch still awaits clearance by the cartel authorities.

## Chronology in the Weapons Branch

2004 – 2005 Weapon Law Amendments (blocking of inherited weapons).

Federal Minister of the Interior, Otto Schily, struck the weapons inheritance privilege during the amendment of existing weapon laws. This inheritance privilege formerly allowed heirs to retain possession of inherited weapons, albeit without the right to buy or own ammunition for the weapons, recognizing the fact that these inherited weapons represent a dear recollection of the deceased. These inherited weapons subsequently showed up repeatedly in theft delinquencies, but hardly ever in cases of unlawful misuse. The newly installed regulation that these inherited weapons must be secured in wall-safes greatly reduced these cases of theft. The "Red-Green" Federal Government coalition however,

declared their point of view that there should be "as few weapons as possible in the hands of persons who are not instructed in their use, and have no necessity to possess such firearms, in the interest of public security". Inherited weapons since then may only be retained by the heirs when they not only are secured in a wall-safe, but in addition have been fitted with a blocking system. (Privileged procurement and possession of firearms, [www.polizei-NRW.de](http://www.polizei-NRW.de))

According to the Magazine "Wild und Hund" a federal employee in the Ministry of Interior Affairs stated that it would have been possible to maintain the previous inheritance privileges within the amendments. (Conflict of interests ? "Wild und Hund" 20/2007)

Excerpt from the Compliance Magazine : "According to information of the "Sueddeutsche Zeitung" Schily became a member of the supervisory board of the companies Byometric Systems AG and Safe ID Solutions immediately after resigning from his position as Federal Minister of the Interior. (Additional income sources Otto Schily) Byometric manufactures iris-recognition systems that are to be installed in connection with a project at the Frankfurt/M International Airport. Safe ID Solutions on the other hand is active in the field of electronic ID-Card technologies. According to "Sueddeutsche Zeitung" these are both fields that Schily initiated and pursued during his term in office. The same newspaper further states that the liberal Free Democratic Party, "FDP", has found that Schily conferred with Byometric even prior to his demission from the Ministry. (Query of the FDP to the Upper House of Parliament on October 10th, 2006) The newspaper therefore rightfully criticises the lack of tact by the ex-Minister. Byometric and SimonsVoss have, according to internet-research, combined their lines of production in at least three reference-projects. (reference Byometric : Frankfurt Int. Airport, Fiducia, Pictet&Cie Bank), (SimonsVoss : Frankfurt Int. Airport, Fiducia, Pictet & Cie)

Otto Schily was awarded the "Big Brother-Lifetime-Award 2005" for "his efforts in enhancing German and European Control Systems at the cost of freedom and civil rights of the public" (Big Brother Lifetime Award)

2005 Electronic Safety Systems : A future market ?

In 2005 the Netherlands launched a tender for 50.000 pistols for law enforcement personnel. The Netherlands wanted to procure the best and most advanced technologies to be had to date on the market, and asked the participating companies such as FN Herstal, Walther and Heckler & Koch, if they would be able to deliver the pistols with SmartGun technology. Shortly thereafter a licensing contract was signed between Armatix and Heckler&Koch under the then CEO Mauch to the effect that such electronically secured weapons were to be manufactured, should there be a market for such weapons. The licence was never used, Heckler&Koch states, because none of the authorities saw the need for such weapons. (Cartel authorities search weapons companies)  
SIG-Sauer received the tender from the Netherlands in 2011 without the SmartGun Technology.

2009 Armatix terminated the licence and announced their intention to take up production on their own accord. (Rival enters into the field of Heckler&Koch, FTD March 22nd, 2010)

According to Dietel's estimates, Armatix should be able to sell up to 20.000 SmartGuns in the first year of production, and achieve profits in 2011. He saw great chances for entering the US market. The SmartGun in cal. .22lr was advertised in the US for € 7777.- .

## 2009 Big-Bore Magnum Revolver for the US Market ?

The Technical High School for Experimental and Educational Studies in Ferlach (Austria) cooperated with Armatix in connection with a dissertation on a SmartGun Magnum Revolver. (Ferlacher scholars revolutionize weapons conception, Tabloid "Krone.at" March 9th, 2010)

The students working on the project travelled to the Shot Show in Las Vegas in 2010, with Armatix funding costs and expenses, where the results of the dissertation, a working model and basis-work on a mass-production weapon, were presented. (Dissertation project HTBLVA Ferlach) Dietel foresaw a market potential of 100 Billion Euro for the next 15 to 20 years. (Rival enters into the field of Heckler&Koch, FTD March 22nd, 2010)

## 2009 Swiss National Council lobbies for Armatix

(National Council lobbies for German company – 20min Online January 5th, 2011 )

Zuerich News reported in January 2011 : "A German company, supported by a member of the National Council, intended to profit from the Swiss Weapons-initiative, as confidential documents show.

However, the Swiss Upper House of Parliament intervened, and put an end to the plan to establish electronic measures for securing weapons in legislation. (...) The UHP declared its own intention of inserting a general outline of a law providing outlines for specific elaboration on weapons security.

(...) Segmuellers lobbying showed some success. RUAG-manager Wegmueller and Armatix Majority Owner Bern Dietel came into contact. Both agreed to confer on the subject of a mutual licence contract on September 11, 2009. (...) The doubts of the Swiss Provincial Government concerning the effectivity of electronic securing measures are a serious setback for Segmueller. (...) RUAG does not sign the contract. (Secret Protocol of the Guards, - Zuerich News January 10th, 2011.

## 2009 Armatix CEO Dietel is Founding Member of AAW

The "Action Committee Winnenden Massacre" AAW strives, among other things, to achieve stricter weapons law amendments. Bernd Dietel as CEO of the resource company for such systems donated € 10.000 to the cause, and became a founding member. (Propaganda for secured weapons – "Der Tagesspiegel" February 10th, 2011 )

The CEO of the foundation, Hardy Schober, promoted legislation for mandatory biometric safeguarding firearms in 2011. (Open letter AWW – homepage February 2011 )

## 2010 Cooperation with Anschuetz

Armatix reconcepted their Target-Control-System, that was originally meant for military use, for a civilian market. In a combined effort with the weapon manufacturers Anschuetz, the modified system was introduced during the ISSF-World Championships in Munich.

Excerpt from the Brochure : " Our new ANSCHUETZ Sporting- and Hunting Weapons, that are equipped with the electronic Armatix system, can now be used solely by the person who is authorized to do so. Should anyone lose control over his weapon by means of theft, or otherwise, the weapon automatically becomes unusable because the function of the entire system is blocked. The rifles are equipped with an interior electronic device that

enables an absolutely reliable activating and deactivating of the weapon. (Brochure as PDF- private site)

## **2011 No participation at international Gun-Fairs**

In 2011 Armatix discontinued participation at the International Gun Fairs Shot Show in Las Vegas and IWA in Nuremberg, despite the fact that the locations and facilities had already been booked, (Negative search for Armatix at the fairs), whereas in the previous years very large exhibition areas were used to advertise the products (Area Armatix 1-428 IWA 2008 and Area Armatix 1-424 IWA 2010), and their products were even mentioned in the IWA Newsletter. (IWA News March 16th/17th 2008, and IWA News March 13th 2009)

## **Chronology of Legal Proceedings by Armatix**

March 2009 : Preliminary Court Order against Gun-magazine "VISIER"

Legal representatives of Armatix Corporation distributed a circular titled "Court Order against VISIER", attached to which was a preliminary prohibiting order against VISIER dated March 9th, 2009. Armatix Corporation had achieved the court order from the Regional Court in Hamburg, prohibiting both the publishing house and the authors "to state or to advertise a., that the test in VISIER Magazine 3/2009, page 96 titled "At First Try" was conducted on Armatix Security System "Trustlock", and b., that the Systems shown on pages 96 and 98 of the article were in fact part or parts of "Trustlock". (Information provided by VISIER)

On November 2nd 2010 the Regional Court in Hamburg cancelled the preliminary prohibiting court order. The costs incurred for these actions were deferred solely to Armatix. (court proceedings with Armatix ended – Visier.de February 4th, 2011 )

## **June 2009 : Preliminary Court Order against TV Broadcaster ZDF**

(personal court proceedings notes – Buskeismus Dictionary)

The Regional Court in Hamburg issued a preliminary court order against the TV Broadcaster ZDF prohibiting broadcasting of a sequence on "Frontal 21" about the Weapons Security System "Trustlock". In this broadcast, a weapons expert had demonstrated how easy it apparently was to disable the Armatix system : in a live demonstration this was accomplished with 20 seconds by using a vibrating tool obtained in a hardware store. Armatix opposed the broadcast by taking it to court. Furthermore, ZDF was prohibited from stating that the Baden-Wuerttemberg Regional Bank had procured 25,1 per cent shares from Armatix by the same Regional Court in Hamburg. (ZDF loses fight with Company – Hamburger Abendblatt June 24, 2009 ) "Frontal 21" had accused Baden-Wuertembergs Interior Minister Rech of favouring Weapons Security System only because the local Regional Bank was involved with 25,1 per cent of Armatix, and had granted the company a loan amounting to 2,5 Million Euro. (ZDF "Frontal 21" loses in court versus Armatix)

By power of this order, all Internet-Videos etc. concerning this test had to be removed from broadcast. The Video can nevertheless be viewed on a private Swiss Blog. (Author has access to the hyper link)

ZDF has appealed this court order, final findings are not yet available.

## **June 26th, 2009 : Legal Advisors to Armatix publish a circular on "ZDF", "VISIER" and "Wild&Hund"**

According to VISIER, a circular dated June 26th, 2009, was published, titled : "Court Orders established against ZDF, Frontal 21, and allegations made in VISIER and Wild&Hund (both July 2009) ", and was forwarded to wholesalers, newspaper agents, weapons dealers and others.

"In this circular VISIER was accused of falsely declaring on page 65, that the Armatix "Trustlock" System had been defeated in the ZDF "Frontal 21" broadcast. (...) In addition, the circular posted by the legal Advisors of Armatix contain confusing statements. In fact, the circular conveys the false impression that VISIER published their test after the issuing of the preliminary court order from the Hamburg court on June 23rd, 2009. Besides that, the false impression was conveyed that the court order was final, and would also be applicable to third parties that were not directly involved in the court proceedings in Hamburg". (Report in VISIER on publisher Paul Parey's court order on July 2nd , 2009)

## **July 2nd. 2009 : Publishing House Paul Parey (Wild&Hund) obtains preliminary court order against Armatix**

( Wild&Hund News concerning Armatix on July 16th, 2009)

"This preliminary court order prohibits Armatix GmbH, on pain of forfeiting a fine of up to € 250.000, or 6 months imprisonment, from publishing or verbally repeating the accusations made in several circulars to weapons dealers and media distributors, on grounds that neither issue of the magazines "Wild&Hund" #13 and #14 for July (Wild & Hund is circulated fortnightly) contained any allegations against Armatix at all. (House searching on basis for revenge ? NRWZ March 27th, 2010 )

On July 15th Armatix signed a statement that they would conform permanently to the court order. Both issues of "Wild&Hund" could then be circulated freely.

## **Fall 2009 : Armatix files suit against Heckler&Koch (H&K)**

After Heckler&Koch had not been able to find a market for SmartGun, "the cooperation with Armatix simply died in 2007". Armatix now wanted to market their technology on their own accord. H&K thereupon notified their suppliers "that if they should be willing to cooperate with Armatix, all confidentiality and ownership contingencies as well as use of specially developed tools must be up kept rigidly". Armatix saw this as an attempt to boycott, and asked for a preliminary court order against these circumstances. FTD reported : "H&K has precautionarily forewarned suppliers against cooperation with Armatix, so far as rights of H&K could or would be infringed. The reason for this being Mauch's role in the proceedings, and his knowledge of suppliers for H&K, the weapons manufacturer stated. The proceedings ended in a compromise, including, as H&K stated, that Armatix would not press further charges in these matters".

## **March 2010 : Armatix initiates Cartel investigations against H&K and Walther**

Shortly after the 2010 IWA Gun Fair, representatives of the National Cartel Authorities searched the premises of H&K and Walther on suspicion of competitive misuse. Armatix had raised claims that H&K and others had reached an agreement on a boycott of their Smart-Gun-Technology.

National Cartel Authorities merely stated that "there had been sufficient preliminary suspicion" to launch the investigation. From H&K's point of view, there had never been a

boycott. There had been, however, serious doubts as to the reliable function of electronically secured firearms, so that in the end H&K had refrained from using any such Smart-Gun-Technologies. H&K expects the legal proceedings to be terminated without any action whatsoever. (Weapon Market Internal Report by prolegal on April 15th, 2010)

### **March 2010 : Armatix prepares to sue H&K for damages**

A direct mother company of Armatix – Moraun SA in Luxembourg – owes Heckler&Koch Shareholding several Million Euro, the return of which, in the meantime, has been part of legal proceedings. Company leaders of H&K Shareholding see "a factual connection" between the cartel incident and the refunding of these assets. Armatix on the other hand is, according to Dietel, preparing to sue for millions in damages in a two-digit amount, and is convinced that these sums are greater by far than the original loan that is to be repaid. These proceedings will possibly extend over the next two years, and, as the National Cartel Authorities made clear, there will be no further statements made in this matter until clarification has been attained. NRZW reports that Dietel has withheld 2,9 Million Euro from repayment, on grounds that his company Armatix has suffered damages by Heckler&Koch.

### **Bernd Dietel, Chief Executive Officer**

Armatix Homepage describes Mr. Dietel as follows : "Bernd Dietel is the founder of Armatix GmbH. After several years as a dealer in the real estate business, in 1997 he became involved in SimonsVoss Technologies AG, market leader in the area of Digital Securing Technologies for Real Estate. As major shareholder and CEO, he is responsible for the long-term strategical orientation of the company affairs. In 2002 he recognized the worldwide need for electronically securing firearms, and initiated its development". (Armatix Homepage : Management)

Mr. Dietel is also CEO of Quellssystem GmbH, the company that donated "Aktionsbuendnis Winnenden" a five digit sum in November 2009, and also acted as founding member of this organization. Company seat is Unterfoehring, Munich, Feringastrasse 4, 85774 Unterfoehring. Company with Limited Liability. (GmbH)

Company Contract is dated March 11th, 2009. Seated in Feringastrasse 4, 85774 Unterfoehring. Company purpose : Manufacture, Distribution and Usage of equipment, devices and installations for water purification and enhancement. Base capital 25.000 Euro. CEO Dietl, Bernd Matthias, of Horgen/Switzerland, DOB October 10th, 1961; Trautwein, Peter, Munich/Germany, DOB December 3rd, 1961.

Mr. Dietel was Shareholder of Armatix (Switzerland) until December 31st, 2009, Armatix SA in Luxembourg is Shareholder since August 19th, 2009. (Armatix (Switzerland) GmbH on money house .ch) Mr. Dietel is Shareholder of Armatix Invest GmbH at the same address since August 22nd, 2009. (Armatix Invest on money house.ch) Mr. Dietel also controls Moraun Investments SA in Luxembourg, which entered the Berlin start-up company "your delivery" with a seven digit amount in January 2011. (Press release your delivery )

### **Ernst Mauch, Chief Executive Officer**

Armatix Homepage describes Mr. Mauch as follows :

Since January 2006 Dipl. Ing. Ernst Mauch has assisted the Armatix GmbH Management in technical areas. Ernst Mauch has had 30 years of experience in the field of firearms technologies: He was Leader of Productions for Heckler&Koch, and for years served as

CTO of the worldwide renowned weapons manufacturer Heckler&Koch, during which time several innovative weapons were developed. He is furthermore recognized as an expert on firearms and ammunitions, and holds a number of patents". (Armatix Homepage Management)

During Ernst Mauchs sojourn with Heckler&Koch, the company placed an order with the mother-company SimonsVoss for the development of electronic safeguarding systems for firearms, who at that time, 2004, had severed connections with Armatix GmbH. This licence contract continues on until 2012.

According to insiders, Heckler&Koch has discontinued retirement payments to Mr. Mauch on grounds that his behaviour has been detrimental to H&K. A court decision on this matter is to be expected shortly.

Mr. Mauch founded Armatix SA in Luxembourg on May 15th, 2008, and on that day held 50% of the shares of the company. (€ 15,500.-)

### **Political Contacts of the CEO`s**

In 2002 the Secretary of Parliament in the Federal Interior Ministry, Fritz Rudolf Koerper, introduced the Weapons lobbyist "Forum Waffenrecht" (FWR) to SimonsVoss. The Chairman of FWR, Herbert Keusgen, and FWR CEO Joachim Streitberger thereupon founded the "FS Consulting GmbH". The purpose of this venture is to function as advisory for the development of security systems for firearms. (Exerts from the FWR - Scandal) Armatix calculated that there would be 3 Million inherited weapons that would require a blocking system.

According to an ex-employee, Diemel is in excellent contact with the Berlin Interior Senator Koerting (SPD), who would like to see mandatory biometric Armatix firearms securing systems written into weapons law amendments. Insiders state that Mr. Koerting visited the Armatix plant in Petersberg. "Berlin Morgenpost" also quotes Mr. Koerting as saying : "This measure would give us, next to the wall safe that is already mandatory, an additional measure of security". (Berlin demands child-safe firearms – Berlin Morgenpost April 3rd, 2009/ - How Koerting proposes to reduce firearm risks – April 4th, 2009)

Contacts to the CDU Party are also verified. In July 2009 the then Minister President of Thuringia visited the production facilities in Petersberg. Diemel and Mauch spoke of 70 job opportunities in Petersberg, which were to be increased by 80 to 100 more job opportunities within the year, and asked for assistance by the National Government in reaching these goals. In addition, the equipping of Regional Crime Prevention Authorities and Police Forces in Thuringia were a point of discussion. This matter of enhanced equipment had been already touched upon in March 2009 during the visit of the Minister, of the Interior, Scherer (CDU), in Petersberg. (Company visited by Dieter Althaus and Mario Voigt) In 2010 the then Minister of the Interior Huber had shown interest in this manner of securing the weapons issued to the police. This train of thought was abandoned a few months later.

The Federal Minister of Commerce, Ernst Pfister (FDP), accompanied by Mr. Mauch, visited the new production facilities for SmartGuns in Trossingen in spring of 2010. On his own homepage the minister showed much enthusiasm for these systems : "This could have prevented the massacre in Winnenden". "There will always be weapons available, but these systems make the weapons so much more secure, and this measure of security

is so much better than anything that mandatory legislation can demand, and that anybody can simply ignore", Pfister said, and promised to have talks with his colleague in the Federal Ministry of Interior, Heribert Rech, concerning this innovative security system. (Ernst Pfisters visit Glöckler – personal homepage)

The SmartGun was presented at the 2010 Shot Show in Las Vegas, USA, with a price tag of € 7.777.- The same pistol in the standard version in comparison sells for \$ 500.- in the US.

Fritz Rudolf Koerper (SPD), (Wikipedia .de), who had already introduced the weapons lobbyist Forum Waffenrecht (FWR) and SimonsVoss to one another, together with Wolfgang Bosbach (CDU) made known the modifications to the weapons laws on May 13th, 2009, which now included, among other things, a decree for the BMI (Federal Ministry of the Interior) enabling this authority to ask for biometric security measures not only for wall safes, but also for certain types of firearms. (Modification Weapons Laws on CDU/CSU Homepage May 13th, 2009)

## **Statements by Armatix**

Armatix

With this (our) system, Winnenden could have been prevented.

Reply

The father of the killer had illegally stored his firearm outside of his wall safe. Anyone who is willing to disregard current legislation, is also prone to disregarding the use of additional biometric safety measures.

Armatix

in 2009, Mr. Dietel, upon questioning by members of the Association of Gunsmiths VdB, denied that he had, as representative of Quellsystem GmbH, aided the AAW (Action group Winnenden) in any way.

Reply

In March 2011 Mr. Dietel admitted in an interview for "Waffenmarkt Intern" that he had in fact donated the sum of € 10.000.- to AAW. He then went on to say that he had in the meantime left the AAW. In February 2011 the news media "Tagesspiegel" accused him, Mr. Dietel, of lobbying for the AAW. (Propaganda for secured firearms – "Der Tagesspiegel" February 10th, 2011 / Reply AAW)

Armatix

Staff of employees in 2009: 70, which were to be increased by 80 to 100 additional job opportunities. (Company visit Dieter Althaus and Mario Voigt) In 2011 Armatix claimed a staff of 30 employees. (Company Homepage, viewed March 25th, 2011)

Reply

in 2004, Armatix stated that they employed 20 staff members, 8 of them in Munich. (Company news 2008, page 2) In 2009 Armatix advertised a staff of 25 employees. (More Security for Weapons owners – Advertisement September 27th 2009 in Cop2Cop) According to inside information, 80% of the development gave notice on their own accord, as well as the larger portion in distribution)

Armatix

Investments in Development in 2009 : 12 Million Euro

Reply

On December 31st 2008 Armatix had suffered losses of 6 Million Euro, and had hardly any sales to show. (Less than 4000 deals summing up to a maximum turnover of 400.000.- Euro) (National Gazette – Search Armatix)

Armatix

We have an Importer in Switzerland and in Austria who markets our products there, we have not however placed any form of advertisement in those countries, nor do we influence any lobbying parties. (We offer the alternative to a wall safe – "Waffenmarkt Intern September 2010 )

Reply

With the help of a member of the National Council Armatix endeavoured to profit from the Swiss Weapons Initiative, but the Upper House of Council stopped the endeavours to vote electronic weapons security into legislation. (Zuerich News January 10th, 2011)

Armatix

Dietel sees a potential 100 Billion € market for SmartGuns in the US. He says that indeed there already are a number of laws in force, that limit gun sales to electronically secured weapons as soon as the technology is readily available.

Reply

All major weapons manufacturer fear that adversaries might easily be able to sabotage the electronically secured weapons, thus rendering them useless in the hands of military and police forces. Neither Police nor Armed Forces have shown any serious interest in utilising such systems.

Armatix

Armatix expects to enter profit zones through their own production efforts in 2011.

Reply

Participation in both major Gun fairs, Shot Show in Las Vegas, USA, and IWA in Nueremberg, Germany, were cancelled.

Armatix

Armatix, with their weapons security systems, accentuates an alternative to securing weapons in wall safes. (Not in addition to the wall safe)

Reply

Berlin Minister of the Interior Koerting, in the presence of Mr. Dietel : "This (system), next to securement in a safe which is already mandatory, will result in enhanced security".

Armatix

In order to produce more security against unauthorized misuse of firearms, a number of politicians demand the introduction of biometric means of securing these firearms. Thus the use of a firearm could only be enabled by scanning a fingerprint – such is the idea at this time. (Fingerprints and RFID-Chips will make firearms safer – "Die Welt", April 14th, 2009)

Reply

Biometric systems, and all other informational electronic systems have their own advantages and faults. (Chaos Computer Club on biometrics) Biometric experts of the Computer Chaos Club (CCC) cooperated with the ARD (German Informational TV broadcaster) Commerce Magazine "Plusminus" in a demonstration on how easy it was to counterfeit fingerprints. (CCC on the Biometric-Debate, using a counterfeit fingerprint of Mr. W. Schaeuble, then Federal Minister for Interior Affairs) Biometric systems falsely appear to be a secure method of identification. However, state of the art technology is still very far from this goal, for, in fact, the so popular fingerprinting systems are easily overcome. ("Nothing is safe" – Newspaper FAZ on June 11th, 2007/ Fingerprint-recognition by Dr. Manfred Bromba) One must never underestimate the creativity of the counterfeiter, Henning Daum, who scrutinizes fingerprint scanners on behalf of the Federal Institute for Security in Informational Techniques, warns. (Fighting Fingerprint counterfeiting – Biometrie.eu)

Armatix

Target Control originally comes from a military area, and is being developed and tested worldwide by leading manufacturers, military forces development institutes. (Sales manager Lutz Belger)

Reply

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Armatix

The International Biathlon Association, which is searching for alternatives to enhance security on shooting ranges in connection with biathlon sporting, became aware of this system. The feedback and recognition were overwhelming. (Sales Manager Lutz Belger)

Reply

The feedback in Germany resulted in a movement to boycott the partners of Anschuetz (weapons manufacturer). (boycott appeal against Anschuetz on prolegal.de) Anschuetz stressed the fact that the prototype Target Control rifle was meant solely for the use of minors and teenagers, in an effort to reach younger age groups for this sport. (Statement concerning Target Control by Anschuetz on Visier.de)

### **Advertisement, Mission and Reality**

Advertisement Armatix 2006 : "Vision"

It is estimated that there are approx. 9 Million firearms in Germany, and an additional amount of 3 Million firearms in the so-called "inherited status". Whereas it is true, that by international standards, the gun laws in this country already are very strict, these conventional measures to secure weapons – such as wall safes or mechanical locking devices – are insufficient in some cases in producing adequate safeguarding of these firearms, especially when transporting weapons. It is therefore not surprising that the Federal Criminal Police Office, Provincial Criminal Police Office as well as the Ministers of Interior, and the German Hunters Association DJV, including the Interest Group "Forum Waffenrecht" have signaled their intense interest. The Regional Country Bank Stuttgart is also convinced of the feasibility of this innovative product, and has acquired 25% shares of the company." (Armatix Press release April 7th 2006)

Reality :

"Forum Waffenrecht" and Hunters association are no longer interested in the project. Stuttgart Regional Bank withdrew from the project when it became known that Armatix did not intend to offer job opportunities in Baden-Wuerttemberg.

Advertisement Armatix2008 : Securing Inherited Firearms with "TrustLock"

Authorities order an inherited weapon to be secured, the heir contacts an authorized dealer, the authorized dealer inserts a TrustLock system in the firearm, and conveys the data (Weapon Ident. Number, Serial number, gun-permit number) with his own entry data to the TrustLock Centre TC. These proceedings were patented by Armatix GmbH December 11th, 2005. (Patent DE102005045912A1)

Reality :

Valuable heirlooms are degraded to mere decoration pieces, in order to be legally displayed. Inherited weapons are sold, turned over to the police, or placed with other authorised persons until the heir has had the opportunity to procure the appropriate documents enabling him to legally claim possession of his inheritance. So far a total of only 500 pieces (gun block for handguns, TSL for shotguns) have been sold. According to Insiders Armatix has succeeded in selling less than 4000 pieces of all products – TrustLock and Quicklock – combined.

Advertisement Armatix 2006 : Secure Transportation with Quicklock  
(Armatix Press release April 7th, 2006)

"Quicklock is a mechatronic Weapons lock, by means of which a blocking element is inserted into the barrel of the firearm, and which can only be removed after electronic identification/authorization. Authorization is possible by means of a PIN Code, or with a biometric sensor/scanner (Fingerprint). Forcible removing of the blocking element is not possible. "A tragedy, such as happened in Brandenburg earlier this year, can be avoided!", Bernd Dietel, CEO of Armatix GmbH announced. "Nancy S., a six-year-old child who had been toying with her fathers loaded and cocked hunting rifle, accidentally touched the trigger, and subsequently shot herself to death. This could have been prevented by using our system!" , Dietel went on to say. This system was registered for patenting on December 11th, 2005 to Armatix GmbH."

Reality : Mechanical gun locks offer many advantages, such as in attractive pricing and mechanical resistance to forcible removal. During a test conducted by the gun-magazine VISIER, a state of the art Armatix locking system was overcome in a matter of minutes. The above mentioned tragedy could easily have been avoided if the girls father had adhered to existing gun laws and common sense safety measures, such as unloading and properly securing his hunting arms.

Advertisement Armatix 2006 : Smart Gun (then going under the name of "Inside")

"Radio signals are transmitted via a transponder from the bracelet on the authorized persons arm to a receiver installed inside the firearm. Verification of authorization is achieved by fingerprint scanning. The firearm is rendered ready for use within a split second. Immediately after the authorized user is separated from the gun, the weapon is automatically blocked and thus useless: the policeman firearm for instance, that is forcible taken from him, is immediately rendered inactive. This patent was registered on December

11th 2002 to SimonsVoss Technologies AG. The patent is up for sale in the US since 2007."

Reality :

The "Smart Gun" – developed for utilisation by police forces – has not been accepted by the authorities it was originally conceived for. The inherent danger to police officers, who could face life-endangering situations without having a fully functional firearm at their disposal – due to possible defects or electronic jamming by their adversaries – by far outdistanced the fear of losing control of a firearm in an extreme (gunfight) situation.

Advertisement Armatix 2008 : Safekeeping Security System Baselock  
(For weapons on display or in storage)

Weapons secured by PIN-Code or Fingerprint scanning for controlled display of firearms at fairs, in dealerships, gun rooms or in clothes lockers.

Reality :

To date other leading manufacturers of intelligent securing systems, such as MGT, are on the market, successfully meeting the needs of relevant users such as the aforementioned law enforcement and military authorities. These other companies have a vast amount of experience in these fields, and are conceivably in a position to offer far better financial aspects for their products.

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