



The SGBC's secure building

IDtech secures the SGBC (Cameroon)

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The Société Générale de Banque au Cameroun (SGBC) can justifiably boast of being secure. Since June 2007, the institution has revolutionised its security system. "The archaic security system we had before is now behind us. With the new system, we are now clearly protected against robberies and other criminal acts. It's revolutionary, and it's brought advantages for everybody..." says a delighted Jacques, a manager at the Cameroonian subsidiary of the Société Générale. Thanks to IDtech, this commercial bank has acquired the very latest technology in access control, intrusion detection, video surveillance, intercoms and security round control.

At the banking institution's head office, the staff are full of praise for the access control system in use since June 2007. The system controls access to the main entrances of the buildings from outside, to certain sensitive zones of the bank and to the offices using personalised access cards that double as business cards. The access control system automatically determines who can enter where, when and under which conditions. "You can't gain access to an office if you don't have your personal card. This has the advantage that it avoids timewasting - people have to stay at

their desks and only move around if they really need to." The access card limits movement to designated safe areas, valid only for the duration of the visit. "We can now get an idea of the day-to-day movements of all the bank staff. This makes it a powerful tool in human resources management..." declares Mathias, a manager at the SGBC. Remaining with human resources, a timeclock at the main entrance to the bank records the times

lost time for employees. In adopting the access control system, the SGBC's managers wished to embrace modern requirements in terms of electronic building security management. In this regard, access control can minimise the risk of unauthorised access to the buildings, which can lead to dangerous situations or major fraud or theft.



A view of the surveillance control post

at which staff enter and leave. For Jules, another employee, the new control system



View of the surveillance and control post

has another advantage: it has put a stop to uninvited visitors, which had been a cause of

people right into the furthest reaches of the bank. Once the alarm system has been activated, we can take the necessary security measures..." explains a member of the SGBC's security team.

A visit to the control and surveillance room in the SGBC building gives an appreciation of how advanced IDtech's video surveillance solution is. Using ten or so monitors, controllers can view the main entrances and, most importantly, the sensitive areas of the building. One monitor gives a clear view of the main banking hall. The bank's security staff can thus identify any suspicious movements. Using these same monitors, the bank's security manager can find out the locations of staff

INTRUSION DETECTION

The intrusion surveillance system the SGBC has acquired is just as revolutionary. It consists of surveillance equipment installed at certain strategic points in the bank. An unexpected, suspicious presence in a strategic, sensitive area of the bank is immediately reported by an alarm system. The system is all the more valuable in an unsafe environment in which robberies in financial establishments are relatively frequent. "We can track suspicious

members within the establishment. "It's a revolutionary system. Just imagine that from here I can see how much money a cashier has given a customer. And better still, with my monitor I can keep an eye on everything that's happening in the vicinity of the bank."

THE BEST SECURITY SYSTEM

In 2007, over fifteen financial establishments in Cameroon's cities were attacked by robbers. Many customers who had come to deposit or withdraw money were left with nothing. Initial inquiries regularly showed that the security systems were obsolete or faulty. Since the installation of several different complete and integrated security management solutions at the SGBC, customers feel safer. This is certainly true for Georges, who maintains quite seriously that of all the commercial banks in Cameroon the SGBC has the best security system. So much the better for its users.

According to managers at the SGBC, the choice of IDtech to provide the bank's security was the right one: "IDtech offers compa-

nies and public institutions a complete, integrated solution for managing security and staff. It develops and supplies a full range of products combining hardware and software to optimise site security and the management of staff working time. It also offers a range of services that includes analysing the requirements when specifying the project, providing personalised training, assistance in configuring the solution and installation follow-up. These represent important added value and correspond to the security standards required by financial establishments."

IDtech's representative in Cameroon goes still further, pointing out that the role of the company is to unify the needs of companies in terms of managing access and staff around a single, unique concept: individual

identification using cards and/or biometrics. With this individual identification using cards, users of the system have access to a whole range of services, from access to different areas to an evacuation list, automatic management of their work and the registration of leave requests. All of which provide guarantees of extra performance and above all competitiveness for companies in the modern world.



View of an access control turnstile



View of the access control bay

About IDtech

IDtech develops and markets high-tech solutions in the fields of access control, time recording, centralised alarm management and personalised badges.

75% of IDtech's staff is dedicated to customer service. IDtech has a considerable sales network made up of approved installers throughout Belgium. In addition, the company has a large network of international distributors, based in Thailand, Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Hungary, Austria,

France, Romania, Turkey, Jordan, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Egypt, Togo, Kenya, Malta, Morocco, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Cameroon and the United Arab Emirates. Its customer portfolio now boasts more than 6,000 companies.

The number of people making daily use of IDtech's identification equipment worldwide is estimated at 3,000,000.