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Iris' IP focus on European alarm standards

IP alarms specialist Chiron Technology has notched up a 'double whammy' of significant accreditations from two leading third party test houses. Approvals for the company's Iris IP system make it the first in the market to meet stringent European standards EN 50136 and 50130 – adding to the independent certification to EN 50131 that Chiron achieved earlier this year for its Iris 800 series of alarm-over-IP diallers.

The fresh accreditations achieved underline the increasing adoption of Iris among monitoring centres in the UK and elsewhere in Europe. Over 23 of them now use Chiron systems, while a growing number of alarm panel manufacturers are also now building Iris technology directly into their equipment. The benefits include significant cost savings from this 'future proof' technology compared with relatively expensive traditional dial-up links.

Chiron's new approvals for the Iris IP alarm transmission and monitoring system come from the Telefication testing housing in the Netherlands, as well as the separate Skafor organisation – covering Denmark and Norway.

As a result, Chiron can now lay claim to having more insurance approvals across Europe than any other IP system. "Importantly, this move also strengthens the company's position in our ongoing discussions with European insurers to extend the cover they already give to Iris in other parts of Europe to the UK market," comments Chiron Technology's MD, Ian Tredinnick.

The newly completed testing certifies Iris as the first to meet the highest risk level of grade 4 – ATS4 for monitoring systems across both normal IP lines and GPRS. To achieve this, Chiron had to prove polling at 20 second intervals and reporting of any line faults or alarm conditions within 20 seconds too.

"No-one else can match this performance," adds Mr Tredinnick, "and the three European certificates we've obtained show that alarm over IP is a reliable technology, which provides reassurance for installers, ARCs and end-users alike."

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