

### **Subject:** Dignita Expands in France with AL-100 Certification for Offender Interlock Market

UMEA, Sweden – September 16, 2025, Dignita, part of the Smart Start family of companies and a leader in alcohol-monitoring technology, today announced its expansion in France into the offender ignition interlock market. Already active in the French commercial sector—where buses transporting children must be equipped with alcohol interlocks—Dignita has now achieved certification of its flagship AL-100 device by UTAC, France’s automotive certification institute, for use in conditional programs.

This expansion builds on Dignita’s established presence in France’s commercial transport sector, underscoring the company’s commitment to advancing road safety across multiple fronts. By offering a certified solution for both professional and offender use, Dignita reinforces its mission to save lives, keep people safe, and enhance community wellness.

“Certification of the AL-100 in France marks a significant step for Dignita and a tremendous opportunity to deliver on our mission: *to save lives, keep people safe, and enhance community and individual wellness*,” said Stefan Nordin, International Business Development Leader, Dignita. “With proven success in commercial applications, we are proud to expand our reach to France’s conditional programs, helping more people and communities prevent impaired driving.”

“With this achievement, Dignita continues its expansion as part of Smart Start’s global footprint, which includes operations in Sweden, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Denmark, France, Spain, Norway, Belgium, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the United States”, said Jessica Carew, Smart Start’s Chief Strategy Officer.

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### **About Dignita**

Dignita Systems AB is a Swedish technology and knowledge-based company that develops safety-promoting products and services for traffic and workplaces. Our vision is “Together we save lives”—through our products and services, the number of deaths and injuries in traffic and at work can be significantly reduced.

With a team deeply experienced in traffic safety and the automotive industry, Dignita delivers certified solutions that ensure companies and individuals can drive or perform activities safely in accordance with current legislation. All products are developed under rigorous quality standards, tested at the MHF Test Lab, and certified according to the Cenelec standard within the EU.

## France Offender Announcement

Dignita is owned by Apollo Global Management, which also owns our sister company Smart Start, based in the United States with operations across North America, Australia, and other international markets. Together, we are world leaders in alcohol interlock technology. Our ambition is to be the first choice for preventing alcohol-related accidents and supporting safer communities through proven alcohol-prevention solutions.

### **About Smart Start**

Smart Start is a global leader in alcohol monitoring technology, providing trusted solutions—including breath alcohol Ignition Interlock and portable alcohol monitoring devices—to clients across the U.S. and around the world. These services encompass manufacturing, installation, servicing, monitoring, and reporting. Additionally, Smart Start furnishes a programmable device with standardized reporting.

Since 1992, Smart Start's Ignition Interlocks have recorded over a billion alcohol-free starts and have prevented 12 million engine starts where alcohol was present above the legal limit on the driver's breath. Our Ignition Interlocks are saving lives while allowing DUI program participants to legally operate their interlock equipped vehicles. Smart Start has empowered individuals and agencies with accurate, user-friendly devices supported by industry-leading service, innovation and 24x7 support.

Headquartered in Grapevine, Texas, USA, Smart Start operates more than 4000 locations through its corporate and franchise locations in 48 U.S. states and 13 international markets. As a trusted global go-to-resource for regulators and monitoring authorities, Smart Start is helping shape program requirements and implementation tactics across the world.