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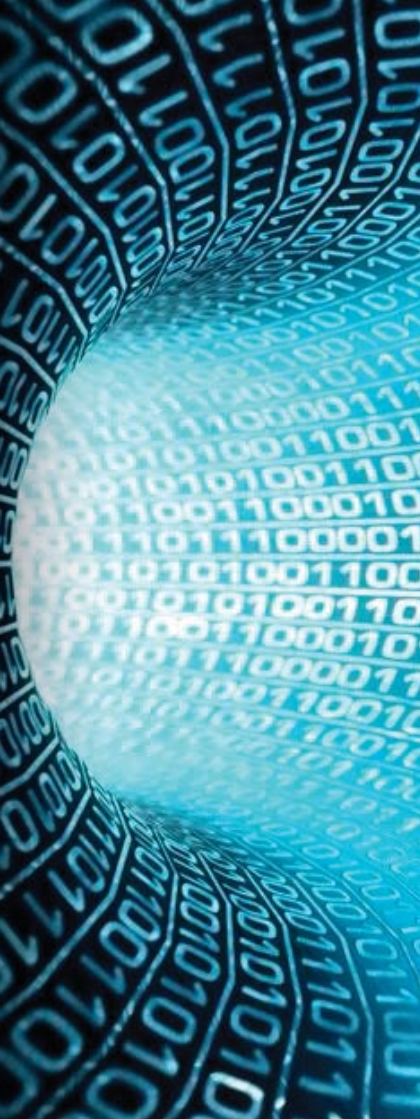
NEW KMC BROCHURE

WHAT IS KMC?

- ▶ The Key Management Centre is a repository for STS Supply Groups, Vending Keys, and Key Use Policies.
 - Ensures unique allocation of Supply Groups
 - Generates, stores, and protects Vending Keys and policies
 - Ensures keys are available to authorised users
- ▶ Securely distributes Vending Keys and policies to Security Modules (in Vending and Manufacturing Systems)
- ▶ The KMC is a trust anchor for security in the STS ecosystem.

NEW KMC FEATURES

- ▶ Supports the STS600-4-2 Key Management specification
 - STS600 standardises the interface between the KMC and the SM.
- ▶ Employs state of the art security techniques (such as AES and ECC)
 - Complies with international ISO and NIST standards.
- ▶ Policy-based control of Vending Key use:
 - A policy allows a Security Module to receive and use a Vending Key, subject to limits.
 - Time limit: when the policy expires the Security Module stops using the key
 - Value limits: controls the maximum value of tokens the Security Module can generate
 - Refresh Period: force periodic recheck in case policy changes
- ▶ Replaces ageing legacy infrastructure to improve security and ensure continuity of service.



NEW KMC BENEFITS

- ▶ Future-proof security
 - Meets or exceeds Smart Grid security requirements
- ▶ Simpler logistics & supply chain security
 - Security Module shipped from manufacturer to customer; no more shipping to the KMC.
- ▶ Enhanced Key Load File enables TID Rollover
- ▶ Risk Management
 - Key use policy enforced by SM puts key owner in control and allows risk to be quantified.
 - Loss control mechanism secures income streams and shuts down ghost vending.
- ▶ Use the STSA's KMC service, or deploy your own KMC
 - SMs can receive keys from multiple KMCs

NEW KMC IMPACT

- ▶ Won't affect deployed STS meters
- ▶ Vending Systems must support new Key Load File and Security Module
 - A Vending System must obtain a fresh KLF from the KMC periodically
- ▶ Utilities must upgrade Vending Systems and issue Rollover Key Change tokens by 2024
- ▶ Key owners must specify a Key Use Policy (rather than a coding authorisation) to the KMC.



Further information about the Standard Transfer Specification and the STS Association may be found on the Association's website www.sts.org.za or by contacting the Secretariat.

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