Soitron's statement on the media coverage concerning the origin and legality of stationary traffic monitoring cameras.

Bratislava, 6 August 2026 – Soitron, s.r.o. is responding to media claims raising doubts about the origin and legality of stationary traffic monitoring cameras. We categorically reject the claims that the cameras originate from the Russian Federation.

These units were supplied by it-s, j.s.a. – the distributor of the NERO R-ONE cameras manufactured by SODASUS Ltd. SODASUS took over production, know-how, and development of this equipment from the original Croatian manufacturer, NEROline d.o.o., which has been a long-standing supplier of this technology within the EU.

The equipment has been referred to in the media as "cameras"; in reality, they are an integrated system comprising road speed meters – i.e., legally designated measuring instruments – and a video system. The units were deployed legally, were used solely for testing the solution, and do not transmit or make data accessible to any third parties. To dispel any doubts, we are handing our test units over to the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic, which will have it inspected by the National Security Authority.

Soitron has been active in the field of public safety for many years. The technologies we supply and integrate are currently used by police forces in the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Slovakia, and Moldova. We have long been building and developing our own platform, MOSY, within which we use and integrate equipment from various manufacturers based on the customer's technical specifications and market availability. We are not tied to any single manufacturer or type of equipment.

The National Vehicle Register (NEV) project, which we are working on for the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic, is also built on this platform. The project includes an extension of the system with a transaction module, the acceptance of which forms part of a milestone under Slovakia's Recovery and Resilience Plan. It was specifically for this purpose that the speed cameras referred to in the media were deployed for testing.

How the situation developed

Soitron, s.r.o. has been a long-term partner of the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic, not only in information and communication technologies but also in supporting the operations of the Police Force of the Slovak Republic. This cooperation dates back to 2010, when the first mobile field workstation project was launched as part of the National Vehicle Register (NEV) project. This project placed the Police Force of the Slovak Republic at the technological forefront of its time, with the delivered solution functionally and technologically surpassing comparable solutions used elsewhere in the EU and around the world. Police patrols gained online access to registries, in-vehicle camera recordings, automatic licence plate recognition and screening of surrounding vehicles, real-time operational management, and other useful functions. The automated licence plate

processing alone helped significantly reduce car-theft-related crime, as stolen vehicles were being identified and recovered shortly after theft.

As part of the natural technological evolution of the solution, as well as the country's progress in public-sector IT legislation and cybersecurity, a project to rebuild and adapt the solution to new information systems for operational and crisis management – referred to as "NEV 2.5" – was procured and launched last year.

Simultaneously with that, the Ministry of the Interior was addressing the Automated Detection of Road Traffic Violations project, the procurement process for which had been suspended due to an ongoing, long-running review by the Public Procurement Office (ÚVO). At the same time, however, it was necessary to address the approaching milestone under the Recovery Plan, under which the Slovak Republic had committed to build and commission such a system.

The Ministry therefore opted for an alternative approach and, in logical connection with the ongoing NEV 2.5 project, expanded its cooperation with our company to include a universal technical module providing functions for collecting data from various types of automated devices and subsequent automated processing of road traffic violations. After evaluation and validation, the outputs in the form of supporting evidence will be delivered to the relevant system for the purposes of administrative proceedings.

The scope of the expanded project did not include any hardware (cameras), as it was assumed that the ÚVO reviews would be completed and that the equipment would be procured through the previously initiated public procurement process. We emphasise that Soitron did not participate in that tender. However, to progress with the development, testing, and integration work, we could not wait for the selection and delivery of those units, and that is why our company went ahead and purchased three units for our own purposes. From the outset, the system was designed to be open and not tied to any specific device type. The choice of devices used was based primarily on their actual market availability and relevance to the project – the system is intended to evaluate multiple types of violations, not only speeding.

Given the delays in the ongoing reviews, it became clear that the Ministry of the Interior would no longer be able to procure the originally intended devices and integrate them into the delivered system in time. However, to meet the milestones of the Recovery Plan, it was necessary to demonstrate the functionality of the entire chain – from offence detection to issuing the sanction. The Ministry therefore asked our company to help them find a suitable technical solution, and it seemed logical to use the devices we had been using for development and testing. At the same time, these devices were in the final stage of the certification process for the Slovak market by the Slovak Institute of Metrology, and therefore their use made it realistic to meet the milestone. The Ministry therefore purchased two units for testing purposes.

The number of types and kinds of stationary speed measurement devices that meet the technical specifications of the original tender and the type-approval requirements for

measuring instruments in the Slovak Republic is very limited. We selected a device that met these requirements and could be delivered within the required timeframe.

On the legality of the devices

The equipment referred to in the media and located on the premises of Soitron, s.r.o. is owned by Soitron. It was not deployed in the customer's environment and was used exclusively for internal testing and development.

At this stage, therefore, it was not being used as a legally designated measuring instrument within the meaning of the Metrology Act, and verification of the measuring instrument was not required. For the avoidance of any misunderstanding, no recorded footage was or can be used as the basis for any offence proceedings.

The NERO R-ONE speed camera holds a type approval issued by the Slovak Institute of Metrology under designation TSK 162/26-044, dated 30 June 2026, valid until 30 June 2036. Before any deployment in the production environment, each unit is subject to initial verification and subsequent annual verification. It can only be deployed into the production environment – i.e., for detecting offences – after such verification has been completed.

The device transmits on a frequency of 24.15 GHz, within the 24.05–24.25 GHz band, the use of which is permitted in Slovakia by a general authorisation from the Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications and Postal Services and does not require an individual licence. Compliance with electromagnetic compatibility and electrical safety requirements is documented by protocols from accredited testing laboratories.

On data handling

The device's radar sensor is a product of the German company smart microwave sensors GmbH. It is a closed-loop system: the device is not connected to any public networks, captures only sensor data, and transmits it solely to the designated system. It has no access to any other data.

The test device is operated in a dedicated network segment, separated from the company's standard IT infrastructure. Operational data is stored exclusively on local, encrypted storage on the premises of Soitron, s.r.o. in the Slovak Republic and is not transferred to any cloud or other environment outside the country. Access to the data is restricted according to the principle of least privilege, and every access is logged. Data processing takes place in isolation, within a test environment.

For this phase, the only requirement under personal data protection law is a GDPR notification, which the company has completed.

Independent verification

We consider questions about data and operational security to be legitimate. We will therefore be handing over our test device – the exact device referenced in the media

reports – to the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic, which will have it inspected by the National Security Authority.

Statement from the equipment supplier

The equipment supplier's statement is attached to this press release.

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