WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cryptographic label for enabling a mobile communications device to perform secure communications, the label comprising a flexible printed circuit having a first set of electrical contacts disposed on a top side of the circuit for interfacing to the mobile communications device, a second set of electrical contacts disposed on a bottom side of the circuit for interfacing to a communication card, and a hardware security module (HSM) disposed in the circuit and coupled to the first and second sets of electrical contacts, wherein the cryptographic label further comprises a skirt that is attached to the flexible printed circuit, the skirt being a planar extension member generally coplanar to the flexible printed circuit and having an adhesive portion on at least a bottom side thereof and capable of having printed indicia provided on a top side thereof, and wherein, in use, the adhesive portion on the bottom side of the skirt bonds to thea communication card so as to attach the cryptographic label to the communication card.

~~2. The cryptographic label as claimed in claim 1, wherein the skirt is a planar extension member generally coplanar to the flexible printed circuit.~~

23. The cryptographic label as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the flexible printed circuit is attached to the adhesive portion on the bottom side of the skirt.

34. The cryptographic label as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the skirt partially extends over at least two edges of the flexible printed circuit such that at least two edges of the bottom side of the skirt rest on the top side of the flexible printed circuit.

45. The cryptographic label as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 34, wherein the flexible printed circuit is attached to the bottom side of the skirt, and the skirt includes a set of separately insulated pass-through type conductive channels which extend from the top side to the bottom side of the skirt, and

wherein the conductive channels serve to electrically couple the first set of electrical contacts of the flexible printed circuit to a mobile communications device interface so as to enable the cryptographic label to interface to the mobile communications device.

56. The cryptographic label as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the top side of the skirt includes an adhesive portion ~~on a top side thereof~~, and wherein the bottom side of the flexible printed circuit is attached to the adhesive portion on the top side of the skirt.

67. The cryptographic label as claimed in claim 56, wherein the skirt includes a set of separately insulated pass-through type conductive channels which extend from the top side to the bottom side of the skirt, the conductive channels serving to electrically couple the second set of electrical contacts of the flexible printed circuit to the communication card so as to enable the cryptographic label to interface to the communication card when the flexible printed circuit is attached to the top side of the skirt.

78. The cryptographic label as claimed in claim 23 or claim 56, wherein the skirt is provided with one or more openings therein so as to enable electrical contacts of the flexible printed circuit to interface to the communication card or the mobile communications device through the openings.

89. The cryptographic label as claimed in claim 78, wherein the skirt is provided with a single central opening.

910. The cryptographic label as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 34, 56 ~~and~~or 78, wherein the skirt is manufactured substantially from non-conductive materials.

1011. The cryptographic label as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the skirt is manufactured substantially from flexible plastics material.

1112. The cryptographic label as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the skirt has a length and a width substantially similar to a length and a width of the communication card the cryptographic label is to be attached to.

1213. The cryptographic label as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the skirt is sufficiently thin to permit the cryptographic label to be operatively inserted into a communication card receiving slot of the mobile communications device when attached to the communication card.

1314. The cryptographic label as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the flexible printed circuit is provided with at least two edge portions having surfaces substantially devoid of circuitry, the at least two edge portions defining an attachment area for attachment of the skirt to the flexible printed circuit.

1415. The cryptographic label as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the mobile communications device is a mobile phone.

1516. The cryptographic label as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the communication card is a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card, and wherein the cryptographic label interfaces to the mobile communications device when received in a SIM card receiving slot of the mobile communications device in use.

1617. The cryptographic label as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the HSM includes a public processing unit and a secure processing unit, the secure processing unit being accessible by the communication card and/or the mobile communications device only through the public processing unit.

1718. A method of assembling a cryptographic label for enabling a mobile communications device to perform secure communications, the method comprising:

providing a flexible printed circuit, the flexible printed circuit having a first set of electrical contacts disposed on a top side of the circuit for interfacing to the mobile communications device, a second set of electrical contacts disposed

on a bottom side of the circuit for interfacing to a communication card, and a hardware security module (HSM) disposed in the circuit and coupled to the first and second sets of electrical contacts;

providing a skirt, the skirt being a planar extension member generally coplanar to the flexible printed circuit and having an adhesive portion on at least a bottom side thereof and capable of having printed indicia provided on a top side thereof; and

attaching the skirt to the flexible printed circuit to form the cryptographic label, such that, in use, the adhesive portion on the bottom side of the skirt bonds to thea communication card so as to attach the cryptographic label to the communication card.

1819. The method as claimed in claim 1718, wherein the step of attaching the skirt to the flexible printed circuit includes attaching the flexible printed circuit to the adhesive portion on the bottom side of the skirt.

1920. The method as claimed in claim 1718, wherein the step of attaching the skirt to the flexible printed circuit includes attaching the flexible printed circuit to an adhesive portion on the top side of the skirt.