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# Smartmatic announces cease of operations in Venezuela

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**United Kingdom, London - March 6, 2018** - After 15 years of service and 14 elections assisted providing a secure and auditable voting system, Smartmatic closed its offices and ceased operations in Venezuela.

The reasons for the closure are widely known. In August of 2017, after the elections to the National Constituency Assembly, Smartmatic publicly stated that the National Elections Council had announced results that were different from those reflected by the voting system. This episode lead to an immediate rupture of the client-provider relationship.

Smartmatic did not participate in the last two elections (Regional Elections of October 15, 2017 and Municipal Elections of December 10, 2017), a fact that was timely informed. Since the company was not involved in these processes, and given the fact that the company's products are not under warranty and were not certified for those elections, Smartmatic cannot guarantee the integrity of the system, nor can it attest to the accuracy of the results.

Smartmatic is currently operating in some 40 countries around the world, partnering with governments, election commissions and citizens seeking to conduct secure, clean and transparent elections.



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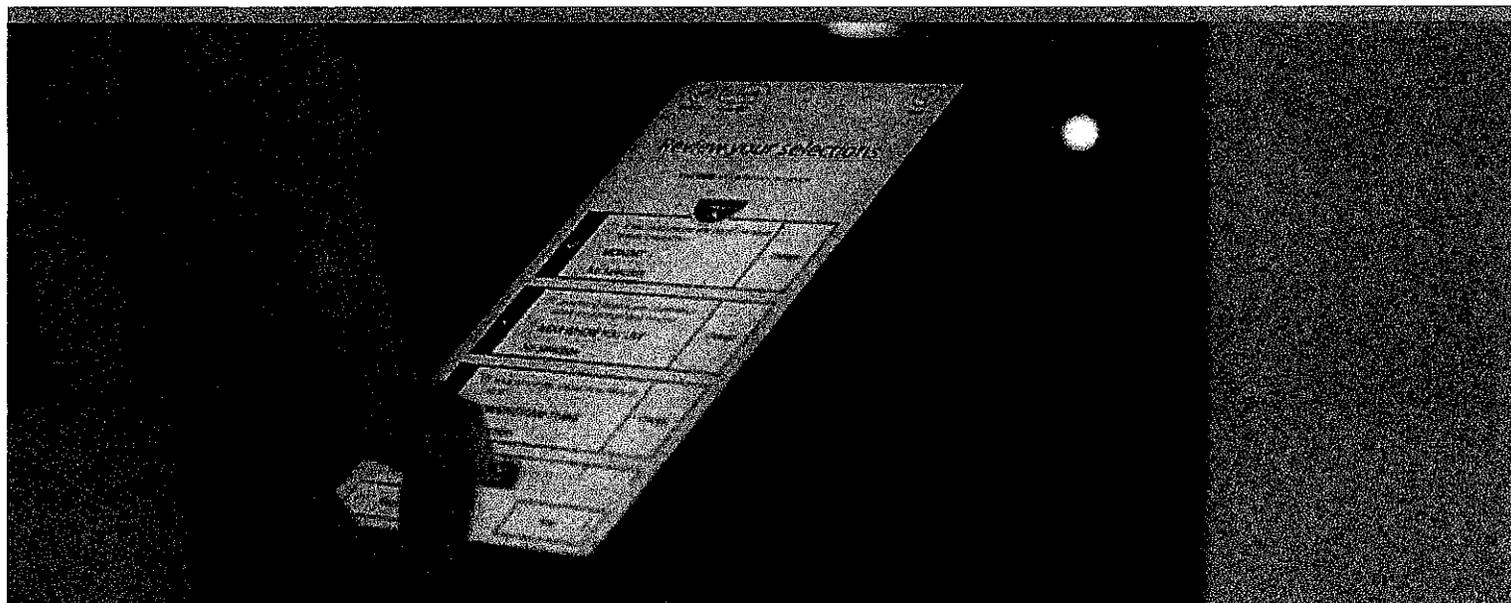
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# Smartmatic BMD



## The Next Generation of Voting

In June 2018, Los Angeles County partnered with Smartmatic to modernize its elections by implementing a new voting system that debuted in March 2020. Smartmatic engineered and manufactured 31,100 machines based on a design created by IDEO – one of the most creative and well-respected design firms on the planet.

**Smartmatic is extending this solution for use across the nation by bringing it into the Smartmatic Voting System.**

This next-generation BMD provides voters and election officials with multiple benefits:

- **Unified user experience.**
- **Simplified education and support.**

The machine has been designed from the ground up to meet federal VVSG 1.1 guidelines and California Voting System Standards (CVSS), and includes the highest security standards, taking jurisdictions securely into the future.



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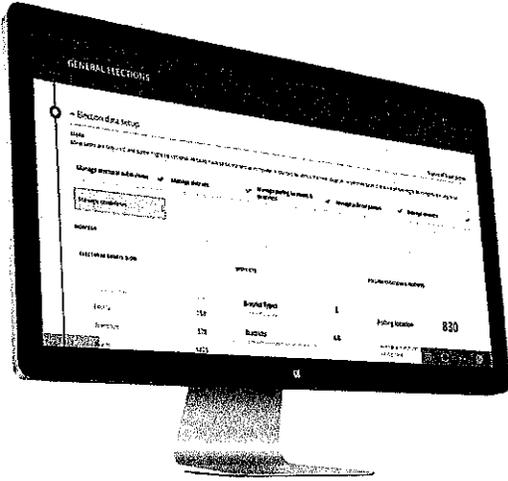
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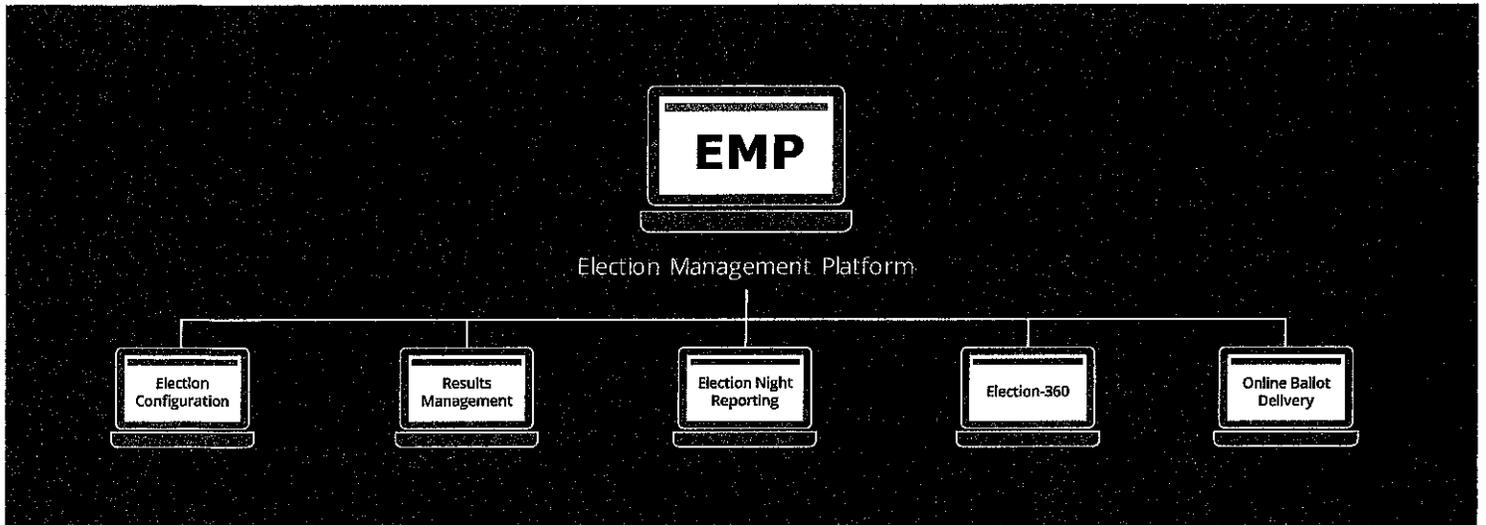
# POWERFUL ELECTION MANAGEMENT PLATFORM



## EMP

Centralized election management for successful elections

Understanding the complexity of elections, Smartmatic supports jurisdictions with an intelligent web-based platform, making the task of managing elections easier, and more accurate.



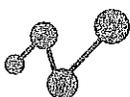
### Significant Time Savings



Smartmatic's EMP (Election Management Platform) allows election officials to efficiently create elections, manage important preparation milestones, manage data and leverage the tools needed to prepare and conduct an election, in one centralized platform.

The information import capability provides significant time savings, and real time multi-user access maximizes productivity, and ensures adherence to the schedule.

### Improved Decision Making



As the platform collects information, users are facilitated in making informed decisions about what to do next, based on the most accurate information available.

The digital assistant provides context based help, allowing the user to solve issues better and faster.

## Highly Usable



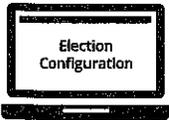
The EMP is user-centered designed and leverages the latest concepts in web based application design (WCAG). The intuitive, workflow-oriented interface with embedded instructions guides the election official through the processes, minimizing errors, and the need for training.

## Completely Secure & Auditable



The system is secured using the latest encryption standards, and a full audit logging capability ensures every change made in the system is tracked. The logs allow for end-to-end auditing, guaranteeing transparency.

## Key Features of the EMP



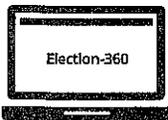
As the core of the EMP, the Election Configuration module assists officials with properly designing, planning and managing those millions of details involved in an election.



The accurate RM module closes the gap between the reception of results, the monitoring of the process, and tabulation, to deliver rapid results.



The ENR module securely handles the aggregated results and publishes information in the visually most appealing way.



Operations are managed effectively with E-360. Benefit from full visibility, immediate incident control, and real-time field communication.



OBD is a fully accessible web-based platform that allows voters to pre-mark a ballot anywhere, via any web-enabled device.

