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E.ON Extends Cooperation with TC TrustCenter and ChosenSecurity

The global use of the TC TrustCenter EnterpriseID solution secures the energy group's electronic communications

Hamburg, Germany – July 16, 2007 – TC TrustCenter, a leading specialist in identity verification and security services, today announced that they are extending their relationship with E.ON AG. E.ON AG is extending cooperation with TC TrustCenter GmbH and will soon use the latter's EnterpriseID solution globally to issue its employees' electronic IDs on the basis of a public key infrastructure (PKI). Some 30,000 employees are already connected to the PKI and have an employee ID in the form of a smart card with digital certificates. This solution is now being rolled out worldwide, giving around 75,000 E.ON employees their own smart cards. It is already installed in the regions of Germany and Central Europe. The USA, UK and Nordic regions will complete the global rollout.

E.ON is one of the world's leading electricity and gas suppliers, and with 81,000 employees around the globe and sales of some 68 billion euros, they are one of the largest private groups in the sector. For a company in this industry and of this size, it is strategically important that its IT and corporate electronic communications meet the very highest security standards. This already led the company to install the EnterpriseID solution from TC TrustCenter GmbH, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ChosenSecurity, in Germany and in Central Europe for its corporate PKI in 2004.

Based on this solution, smart cards can be issued to employees with digital certificates, which they can then use to log onto their work PCs and to authenticate themselves to the energy company's web-based applications. The certificates stored on the smart cards also serve to secure e-mail communication, enabling employees to simply encrypt and sign their e-mails. E-mail encryption is required by the E.ON corporate policy.

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Besides high security consciousness and corporate security policy, another major reason behind the introduction of the PKI solution and smart cards was to raise efficiency in certain areas. Now employees can use all the group's applications on the web, without needing to log in separately to each. The smart card means they only need to do this once. The trend from passwords to smart cards could also help reduce the cost of the user helpdesk.

After three years of positive cooperation, the decision in favor of the right partner for a global rollout was not long in coming: "In selecting our PKI for the global rollout, E.ON first and foremost wanted a professional and experienced partner at its side. In TC TrustCenter we have a company with which we have already worked successfully together for several years and whose positioning also allows it to meet the international challenges of the rollout," says Uwe Fischer, Information Security Officer/Technology Manager, E.ON AG.

About E.ON AG

E.ON is one of the world's largest investor-owned energy services providers. E.ON U.S., headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, USA, is a diversified energy services company. E.ON U.S. owns and operates Louisville Gas and Electric Company, a regulated utility that serves 318,000 natural gas and 390,000 electric customers in Louisville and 16 surrounding counties, and Kentucky Utilities Company, a regulated electric utility in Lexington, Kentucky, USA, that serves 518,000 customers in 77 Kentucky counties and five counties in Virginia. For more information, please visit www.eon.com.

About TC TrustCenter

TC TrustCenter GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of ChosenSecurity, Inc., is a leading specialist for certificates and security solutions along the entire value chain of identity verification. The portfolio includes web security services for the protection of e-commerce transactions, managed security services, and complex PKI solutions including comprehensive consulting services. TC TrustCenter has experience in many national, international and global projects in various industries for more than ten years. TC TrustCenter is an accredited certification service provider according to German signature law, European signature law, IdenTrust and SISAC. For more information, please visit www.trustcenter.de.

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About ChosenSecurity, Inc.

ChosenSecurity, Inc. is a leading specialist in identity verification and security services that ensure safe and secure online communication and transactions. ChosenSecurity was formed from a subsidiary of GeoTrust following that company's acquisition in Q3/2006 by VeriSign, GeoTrust was the world's second largest digital certificate provider and secured on-line transactions, identities and applications for 100,000 customers in 150 countries. ChosenSecurity has offered certificates and security solutions along the entire value chain of identity verification and its portfolio includes certificates that enable secure access to and encryption of transactions and data; technology for the reliable authentication of users, applications and computers; PKI and SmartCard solutions that secure access to corporate networks and applications; managed security services; and comprehensive consulting services. With more than 3,500 customers across the globe and headquartered in Needham, MA, ChosenSecurity is a true leader of certification service providers at the forefront of identity management. For additional information, please visit www.chosensecurity.com.

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