

## Press release

### **TC TrustCenter delivers foundation of trust for corporate certificates**

**~ TC RootSigning enables worldwide acceptance of corporate certification  
authorities ~**

Hamburg, 28 August 2006 - Just about everyone has had the experience of trying to access a secure Internet connection and then getting a security warning window from your browser to the effect that the Certification Authority (CA) certificate is unknown. This situation is often quite frustrating for users. Particularly companies that manage their own CA and thus issue their own certificates for employees and customers are often confronted with this problem. This is because, naturally, not every corporate CA certificate is preinstalled in common browsers. The German IT security service provider TC TrustCenter offers a solution with TC RootSigning.

TC TrustCenter signs the CA certificate of the company. As a result, all certificates issued with this CA certificate are automatically classed as trustworthy and can therefore easily be used with 99 per cent of all browsers. Thus, TC TrustCenter offers both domestic and internationally active firms a convenient and practical solution for secure e-mail traffic, encryption and authentication – worldwide.

The prerequisite for the service is that the company must fulfil the requirements stipulated in the TC TrustCenter Certification Policy. Here, TC TrustCenter Senior Product Manager Dr. Gunter Weinerth makes out a major benefit for the customer: “The globally acknowledged Certification Policy used by a universally recognised trust centre such as TC TrustCenter gives companies a basis for a trustworthy CA. This puts companies in a position to issue certificates for employees, partners and customers. Furthermore, in consideration of the given certification policy, companies

can retain their own workflows and processes in issuing their certificates. This obviates the need to forward internal data to an external trust centre.”

Root certificates from TC TrustCenter are compatible with all common certificate-based applications, including those for Intranet, extranet, S/MIME and VPN hardware and clients.

The TC Certification Policy is located at

<http://www.trustcenter.de/about/repository.htm>.

TC RootSigning is available starting immediately. More information is available at:  
<http://www.trustcenter.de>

#### **About TC TrustCenter**

TC TrustCenter GmbH 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, identity seals, managed security services, and complex PKI solutions including comprehensive consulting services. TC TrustCenter’s solutions are used by large corporations, mid-sized companies and public bodies alike.

With more than 100,000 enterprise customers of online technologies in more than 140 countries, TC TrustCenter and its parent company GeoTrust have quickly become the world’s second-largest issuers of digital certificates.

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