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Integrated security solution for the biopharmaceutical industry: TC TrustCenter to issue qualified certificates compliant with the SAFE-BioPharma digital standard

TC TrustCenter is World's First Trust Center to issue EU-compliant SAFE-BioPharma certificates

Hamburg, 11 June, 2008 – TC TrustCenter, can now issue certificates compliant with the SAFE-BioPharma digital identity and signature standard. The company is a service of ChosenSecurity, which recently cross-certified with the SAFE-BioPharma Bridge Certificate Authority. The SAFE-BioPharma standard provides a secure, enforceable, and regulatory-compliant way to verify identities of parties involved in electronic transactions and to digitally sign business-to-business and business-to-regulator electronic transactions within the biopharmaceutical and healthcare industries. TC TrustCenter is the first organization to provide EU-qualified SAFE-BioPharma certificates which also comply with the European Signature Directive.

Cross-certification with the SAFE-BioPharma Bridge enables ChosenSecurity and TC TrustCenter to offer digital certificates to the growing pharmaceutical community. It is essential to have certificates for processes, such as signing lab tests, lab results or medical papers, to enable them to stand up in a court of law. As an international company, ChosenSecurity and TC Trust Center's high standards in issuing digital certificates meet the strict requirements of the European Union (EU).

SAFE-BioPharma (www.safe-biopharma.org) is an association of leading biopharmaceutical companies, including AstraZeneca, Merck, Pfizer, Procter & Gamble, and Sanofi-Aventis. The vision of the non-profit organization is to be a catalyst in transforming the biopharmaceutical and healthcare communities to a fully electronic business environment.

The SAFE-BioPharma standard provides guidance to strongly authenticate the identity of an individual and to issue digital identity certificates that remain tightly bound to that individual. The standard also provides specifications and guidance related to the application of SAFE-BioPharma advanced electronic signatures to documents. These signatures meet the requirements of EU Directive 1999/93/EC as advanced electronic signatures in which the identity of the signer is clearly verified and the integrity of the document is cryptographically guaranteed.

Dr. Artur Heil, Director Marketing & Sales, TC TrustCenter, explains: “The SAFE-BioPharma standard is an excellent example how an industry drives efficient processes that address the specific needs of their business. Thanks to our SAFE-BioPharma association, European pharma companies can now obtain certificates that are compliant with the SAFE-BioPharma standard and that also meet the high European standards of the EU.”

”By cross-certifying with the SAFE-BioPharma Bridge, TC TrustCenter will be able to offer certificates to our European-based member companies that can be used in support of global business and regulatory transactions”, said Mollie Shields-Uehling, President and CEO, SAFE-BioPharma.

TC TrustCenter will offer these certificates together with its partners TransSped SRL (<http://www.transsped.ro>) and SAIC (www.saic.com) as part of an integrated security solution for the pharma and healthcare industry.

About TC TrustCenter

For more than 10 years TC TrustCenter has been the partner for the financial sector and the industry with its solutions for authentication, verification and encryption. As one of the first Trustcenters TC TrustCenter provides world wide trust to the internet and electronic B2B Business with its Managed Services. In Europe as well as in the US the company does have a broad range of project and industry experience regarding PKI and considerable references of international customers.

TC TrustCenter’s portfolio ranges from solutions for Phishing Protection, Security of Online Transactions, and Electronic Invoicing to broad PKI solutions and Managed Security Services. The company’s On Demand PKI Solutions are cost-efficient, highly secure and fast to implement

TC TrustCenter is accredited according to the German Signature Act, European Signature Act, Identrust, SAFE, TÜVIT and SISAC. Further information available under: www.trustcenter.de