

exceet Secure Solutions opens new Signature Act-compliant Trust Center

- *Federal Network Agency approves accredited certification service at exceet Card AG data center*

Rotkreuz, Düsseldorf, Unterschleissheim, February 03, 2015 – exceet Secure Solutions AG, a member company of exceet Group and leading specialist for IT security and M2M solutions, has relocated its Trust Center to the Group's subsidiary exceet Card AG, in compliance with the German Signature Act.

Certification services successfully went operational at the new premises in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Network Agency. As an accredited certification service provider, exceet Secure Solutions thus fulfills the very strict demands the Federal Network Agency places on Trust Centers under the Signature Act. The security specialists have thus again demonstrated their competency in handling sensitive data.

exceet Secure Solutions has already been operating a Trust Center without interruption since 2001, subject to the stringent requirements of the German Signature Act and compliant with the European Signature Directive. The company is one of the very few providers in Germany to be accredited under both the Signature Act and the Signature Directive. The accreditation is thus recognized internationally as well, e.g. with respect to EU regulations. The qualified time stamps generated at the exceet Secure Solutions Trust Center can therefore also be relied on to secure business processes of internationally active companies.

The Trust Center operates at the business premises of exceet Card AG in Unterschleissheim near Munich. In addition to customary requirements such as 24/7 operation and security gateways, it also fulfills special operating conditions like proof of staff expertise and a high-security operating environment. Security is also guaranteed via supervision by the Federal Network Agency. This government authority verifies compliance with the required security criteria not only upon accreditation or at regular intervals, but on a continual basis and with rights of access at all times.

The accredited Trust Center of exceet Secure Solutions is able to generate qualified time stamps within the meaning of the Signature Act for all types of electronic data. exceet clients can thus substantiate, before a court and with legal certainty, the time at which a specific set of electronic data was available to them in a specific form. For evidence purposes, data which has been time-stamped by exceet is legally equivalent to paper-based documents.

In electronic data exchanges, qualified time stamps can be relied upon to provide legally secure proof of electronic delivery and thus offer an easy-to-use instrument for verifiably protecting

data from undetected manipulation. Particularly in the course of the growing digitization of business processes and the simultaneous growth in demand for IT security, this aspect is steadily gaining significance.

The premises of exceet Card AG, which now also house the accredited Trust Center operated by exceet Secure Solutions, have satisfied the highest security standards for years. They are used e.g. to manufacture banking cards in accordance with VISA/MasterCard specifications, electronic health cards in line with the requirements of German health insurers and gematik specs, as well as other chip cards of a similarly sensitive nature. In addition to card production, exceet also assumes the entire range of upstream and downstream processes including e.g. the mailing of PIN numbers.

Christian Methe, CEO of exceet Secure Solutions, underlines that “in gaining approval for the operation of our accredited Trust Center on company premises, we have again successfully demonstrated to our clients and partners the high degree of technical competence and quality contained in our portfolio. Additionally, as one of just a handful of providers on the market we are able to provide our customers with self-produced time stamps, a service that permits legally secure documentation of electronic processes and thus offers our clients considerable benefits in utilizing such processes.”



exceet Secure Solutions AG is a certification services provider accredited under the German Signature Act and the EU Signature Directive

About exceet Group

exceet Group is an international technology group specialized in intelligent electronics and card-based security technology.

About exceet Secure Solutions AG

exceet Secure Solutions AG (www.exceet-secure-solutions.de), previously AuthentiDate International AG, is a 100% subsidiary of exceet Group (www.exceet.ch), a technology corporation specializing in the development and manufacture of intelligent, complex and secure electronics.

exceet Secure Solutions specializes in electronics networking and offers consulting, hardware, software and services in this field. The company focuses on M2M end-to-end solutions, identification and access solutions as well as IT security consulting, with special expertise in eHealth and industry. The portfolio is supplemented by HSMs, PKI solutions and products and services for signatures and time stamps, including Trust Center operation.

About exceet Card AG

exceet Card Group AG combines the strengths of the globally leading manufacturers of RFID, dual interface and chip cards. The Group's innovative product portfolio encompasses design, development, consulting, production, personalization and lettershop. This makes exceet one of the leading full-service providers of smartcards, NFC solutions and readers. In the mobile solutions

segment, exceet Card Group offers mobile services, identity protection, secure payment solutions, authenticated online services as well as access to cloud computing.

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