

## **Press release**

### **E.ON Extends Cooperation with TC TrustCenter and ChosenSecurity**

**~ The global use of the TC TrustCenter Enterprise ID solution secures the energy group's electronic communications ~**

Hamburg, 16 July 2007 – E.ON AG is extending cooperation with TC TrustCenter GmbH and will soon use the latter's Enterprise ID 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 Enterprise ID solution from TC TrustCenter GmbH, a subsidiary of the American company, 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 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.

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 favour 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 more than three 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 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 Directive, IdenTrust and SISAC. For more information, please visit [www.trustcenter.de](http://www.trustcenter.de).

### **About ChosenSecurity**

Chosen Security, Inc. is a leading specialist for identity verification and security services, ensuring safe and secure online communication and transactions. Since 1997, the company, previously a subsidiary of GeoTrust, has offered certificates and security solutions along the entire value chain of identity verification. The product portfolio ranges from Internet security services for the protection of e-commerce transactions, client certificates enabling secure communication, encryption of transactions and data, secure access to applications and data, reliable authentication, identity seals and managed security services, to complex PKI and smart card solutions for the secure access to networks and applications including comprehensive consulting services. With over 3,000 customers across the globe and headquartered in Needham, MA, we are a true leader of certification service providers at the forefront of identity management.

**Company contact:**

TC TrustCenter GmbH  
a ChosenSecurity Company  
Gunilla Pendt  
Sonninstrasse 24 - 28  
D-20097 Hamburg  
Phone: +49 40 808026-410  
Fax: +49 40 808026-126  
Email: [gunilla.pendt@trustcenter.de](mailto:gunilla.pendt@trustcenter.de)  
Web: [www.trustcenter.de](http://www.trustcenter.de),  
[www.chosensecurity.com](http://www.chosensecurity.com)

**Press contact:**

LEWIS – Global Public Relations  
Marina Ziegler  
Baierbrunner Str. 15  
D-81379 München  
Phone: +49 89 173019-28  
Fax: +49 89 173019-99  
Email: [marinaz@lewispr.com](mailto:marinaz@lewispr.com)