

Press Release

Windows® Vista & SafeSign Identity Client to boost smart card usage

– A.E.T. Europe B.V.'s SafeSign Identity Client qualifies for Windows® Vista –

Arnhem, June 19, 2007 – A.E.T. Europe B.V.'s (AET) strong authentication solution SafeSign Identity Client (IC) has become one of the first middleware solutions for smart cards and USB tokens meeting the quality criteria of Microsoft's Ireland-based Smart Card Certification Center for Windows Vista. SafeSign Identity Client middleware delivers strong authentication with more than 70 cards and USB tokens from more than 10 different manufacturers. As a result, AET is a global market and technology leader when it comes to middleware for cryptographic tokens. Officially supporting Microsoft Windows® Vista is a logical step towards maintaining this unique position, enabling smart card usage at even larger scales.

The SafeSign IC Card Module applet for Windows XP, 2003 and Vista meets the quality criteria for Microsoft's pilot certification program for smart card minidrivers. Now the integration with the Microsoft® Smart Card Base Cryptographic Service Provider (CSP) or Crypto Next Generation (CNP) Key Storage Provider (KSP) is complete.

Today, SafeSign Identity Client based solutions are deployed to easily facilitate scalable secure strong authentication, data encryption, digital signatures, as well as enterprise single sign on and hard disk encryption. These are all key functions to corporate Windows® Vista users, therefore demanding solid and certified software from a vendor with a strong reputation in the field.

"Microsoft has improved the Windows Smart Card Framework in Windows Vista", according to Jan Rochat, Chief Technology Officer of A.E.T. Europe B.V. "The SafeSign IC Card Module Applet is a minidriver that is completely tested by Microsoft and fully supports the new architecture. The SafeSign IC Card Module Applet is based on the Standard SafeSign IC Applet and thus offers maximal integration into the total SafeSign Identity Client Product."

The initial qualification has been done based on the G&D Sm@rtCafe Expert 64 Java smart card and in cooperation with Giesecke & Devrient, who uses SafeSign Identity Client as part of their StarSign product range. Several other cards will follow, like the JCOP41 Java Card™.

About AET

The Dutch company A.E.T. Europe B.V. (AET), headquartered in Arnhem and founded in 1998, is committed to IT security. AET offers its customers ingenious solutions based on worldwide accepted standards for e-commerce and information security.

AET is setting new standards in the crucial business area of developing middleware for smart cards and USB tokens with its **SafeSign Identity Client**. Another of AET's bestsellers is **BlueX Digital ID Management**. This well-known and extremely adaptable system supports the simplification and automation of individual steps for the digital ID management process.

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