



Winter AG approved production site for SafeSign Identity Client enabled smart cards

A.E.T. Europe B.V. (AET) has approved WINTER AG, Unterschleißheim, as qualified production site for secure and trustworthy preparing of chip products ready for use with SafeSign Identity Client (SafeSign IC).

"A secure production infrastructure, professional processes, highly secure key management and comprehensive quality assurance conforming to the requirements of AET have been realised by WINTER AG. The profound knowledge of WINTER AG regarding the management of Java Chip technology and the professional loading and initializing of SafeSign IC applets are fundamental for constant high quality." Reinoud Weijman, Managing Director of AET, explains the importance to AET: "Our approved partners guarantee a reliable supply chain for small, mid-sized and high volume smart cards and USB tokens ready for use with SafeSign IC. The approval can be withdrawn if processes are not fulfilled according to agreed standards between AET and WINTER AG."

The correct functioning of SafeSign IC is depending on a properly produced smart card or USB Token. Therefore AET likes to emphasize that smart cards and / or USB tokens being produced for use with SafeSign IC by vendors that are not approved AET production sites are NOT eligible for ANY support by AET in case of problems, even if they purchased a SafeSign IC Maintenance and Support Agreement.

"The approval as qualified production site for SafeSign IC enabled smart cards and USB Tokens is very important to WINTER AG. SafeSign IC is not only used as a single application for logical access on company security level but more and more part of powerful multifunctional Smart Cards for e-banking, e-health, e-government and company access. The quality assurance of multi-application cards is crucial for the success of highly integrated solutions", according to Stephan Breitenmoser, Director Marketing & Sales at Winter AG.

About WINTER AG

WINTER AG is a leading smart card manufacturer for applications in the area of modern security concepts based in Germany, next to Munich. The company offers a wide range of products and services for governments, health insurances companies, finance institutions/banks and private companies on national and international level. Tailored and fast implementation of our customer's requirements, zero-fault concept and project-oriented execution constitute the WINTER AG's success factor. The company has security certifications of leading card organisations (e.g. VISA and MasterCard) and maintains an ISO 9001:2000-certified quality management system.

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.

For more information, please visit <http://www.aeteurope.com>.

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