

Horst Görtz, Founder of Utimaco Safeware, Awarded Honorary Doctorate

- **Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany, give Horst Görtz an award for his activities as a founder and as a promoter of research in IT security.**

Oberursel, April 30th, 2004 - On 30th April 2004 the Faculty for Electrotechnology and Information Technology awarded an honorary doctorate to Horst Görtz, the founder and Supervisory Board Chairman of Utimaco Safeware, for his services to science in the area of information technology (IT) security.

Horst Görtz, a pioneer in IT security, was already concentrating his commercial efforts on the development of IT security systems by the early eighties. Utimaco Safeware, founded by him in 1983, is today one of Europe's leading suppliers of IT security systems. Since 1999 he has used his foundation to promote the expansion of IT security in a "Center of Excellence" at Ruhr Universität Bochum (RUB).

The Horst Görtz Foundation supports the Horst Görtz Institute (HGI) with two foundation professorships. This institute is a central scientific establishment that combines the RUB chairs of different faculties and hosts more scientists specialising in IT security than any other German university. In addition the Horst Görtz foundation finances a foundation professorship for data security at the Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany.

Utimaco Safeware AG is one of the leading technology manufacturers of professional solutions for IT security. The security technologies and solutions developed by Utimaco Safeware protect electronic values of companies and authorities from unauthorized access and guarantee that business processes and administration procedures are binding and confidential.

The business unit Personal Device Security provides technologies and solutions to guarantee mobile security in the fields of strong authentication, including biometric procedures, encryption and integrity control. The products and solutions secure data in Terminal Server and Citrix environments, on PCs, Laptops and PDAs.