

## Atos Origin Implements Utimaco Solution to Increase its Capacity to Process European Electronic Invoices

- **Atos adds Utimaco's SignatureServer SmartCard solution to its e-invoice platform**
- **Atos customers in Europe can now perform electronic invoicing in accordance with German federal law**

**Oberursel, 24th May 2006 – Atos Worldline, an Atos Origin Company, has enhanced its electronic invoice platform with SignatureServer SmartCard from Utimaco, The Data Security Company. SignatureServer SmartCard enables Atos Worldline's e-invoicing platform to securely process the German invoices produced by its international clients, and offer them a highly secure signature solution that complies with German tax regulations. The extended mass signature solution meets German tax laws regulating the deduction of sales tax.**

To simplify electronic B2B transactions for its European clients, Atos Worldline is now offering its electronic signature and legal archiving solution "Worldline Invoice", which runs on a unique collaborative web platform across all European countries. By linking its Worldline Invoice Platform with Utimaco's SignatureServer SmartCard, Atos can provide its customers with a one-stop mass signature solution that meets the security requirements of different national tax authorities.

Worldline Invoice is the leading European invoicing platform operating 24/7, with the capacity to handle more than one million invoices every month. It complies with the regulations of 11 European countries and is currently being rolled out in another eight countries, complete with an interface tailored to each country's language and laws.

Atos Worldline has chosen Utimaco's secure signature solution based on SignatureServer SmartCard, which is approved by the Bundesnetzagentur (German Federal Network Agency). This approval is the prerequisite for implementation in accordance with German digital signature law (SigG). SignatureServer SmartCard is a comprehensive signature application component that consists of secure hardware, integrated card readers and software programs that both create and check qualified signatures. With it, Atos Worldline can not only meet all its international clients' e-invoicing needs in Germany, but will also be able to do so in several Eastern European countries that require the same level of security, in future.

European regulations governing all aspects of electronic signatures and legal archiving involved in electronic invoicing are now legally binding in every European Union member state.

**Utimaco Safeware AG – The Data Security Company.**

Utimaco is a world leading producer of professional solutions that secure data within companies and government agencies. The solutions, which have won multiple awards, protect data against unauthorized access and manipulation no matter where it is stored on mobile personal devices, PCs or in networks. The data also remains secure when it is transferred to business partners or processed as part of commercial operations. SafeGuard Easy, with nearly three million installations, is the world's best selling solution for protecting data on notebooks and PCs. Utimaco is also the leader when it comes to protecting electronic transactions. For example, in Germany alone, Utimaco solutions secure over 90 percent of all card-based payment systems. Utimaco offers its customers comprehensive on site support via a worldwide network of partners and subsidiaries in Europe, the USA and Japan. Utimaco Safeware AG, with its headquarters in Oberursel, near Frankfurt am Main, Germany, is listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

**Atos Worldline**

Atos Worldline is a subsidiary of the Atos Origin group. Atos Worldline is a major European player in the processing of large-volume electronic exchanges, specialising in electronic payment services, CRM and e-services (internet, voice recognition and mobile services). With its focus on technological innovation, Atos Worldline can either implement its solutions in processing or integration mode. Atos Worldline has 2,500 members of staff in Europe and has an annual turnover of EUR 400 million.

**About Atos Origin**

Atos Origin is a leading international information technology services company. It offers a complete spectrum of consulting activities and services in the IT sector. The company specializes in consulting, system integration and outsourcing. Atos's 46,000 strong workforce in 40 countries have achieved annual revenues of over EUR 5,5 billion. Atos Origin is the Worldwide Information Technology Partner for the Olympic Games and has a client base of international blue-chip companies across all sectors. Atos Origin is quoted on the Paris Eurolist Market and trades as Atos Origin, Atos Euronext Market Solutions, Atos Worldline and Atos Consulting.

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