

German IT Security Products Without Hidden Access Contingencies

Voluntary Commitment Strengthens Brand “Made in Germany“

BERLIN/BONN – September 6, 2007: In a voluntary commitment the members of the export initiative “IT Security made in Germany (ITSMIG)” confirm: “Our IT security products do not contain any concealed access contingencies“.

The export initiative “IT Security made in Germany“, funded by the Federal Ministry for Economy and Technology, and its 40 companies count on the positive connotations associated worldwide with the brand “Made in Germany”.

All over the world German products are associated with functional capability, reliability, usability, standard conformity, integrity and security, in short: very high quality. The German IT security companies organised in ITSMIG have now substantiated this promise of quality in regards to one essential issue. The ITSMIG members are committed to developing software without hidden backdoors.

The term backdoor describes the feature of a computer programme that enables third parties to bypass normal accessing procedures and thus gain concealed access to a computer. The legal situation in the Federal Republic of Germany allows German companies to develop and distribute IT security products with discretionarily strong encryption and without such hidden access contingencies. For the members of ITSMIG that produce specifically these types of products this constitutes an essential competitive edge in the international market. This is one of the most significant quality features provided by the export initiative, giving its customers the certainty of acquiring IT security products that do not contain any security risks due to concealed access contingencies or weakened encryption mechanisms.



The commitment is voluntary and is carried out by the company declaring its commitment to the initiative’s project management. The complete text of the declaration as well as a list of the companies that have signed the declaration can be found on the ITSMIG website www.itsmig.de.