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Steganos awarded 'IT Security made in Germany' seal of quality.

Berlin, October 16, 2013 - Berlin security company Steganos, specialists at encryption software and VPN solutions, has been awarded the 'IT security made in Germany' quality seal by the Federal Association of IT Security e.V. (TeleTrust). The seal is granted only to IT companies based in Germany offering trusted IT security solutions with no backdoors built into their products.

Since the revelations made by former NSA employee, Edward Snowden, uncertainty among German PC users has significantly increased. 'Is my data really safe?' is one of the questions most frequently put to Steganos' customer service team. By joining the IT Security Association Germany (TeleTrust), Steganos has demonstrated to users that they can trust Steganos products 100%.

In order to receive and use the 'IT Security made in Germany' protected quality mark, the following requirements must be met:

- The company must be based in Germany.
- The company must offer trusted IT security solutions.
- The offered products contain no hidden access points.
- The company's IT security research and development takes place in Germany.
- The company is committed to comply with the requirements of German data protection law.

Since 1997, Steganos has been developing software solutions in Germany with which users can securely protect their data against unauthorized access. The employment agreements signed by all Steganos employees contain a clause that personally commits them to the German Data Protection Act. In addition, Steganos has implemented UN transparency regulations against interference by third parties.

"By joining the IT Security Association Germany, we are strengthening our promise to release high-quality security products", explained Gabriel Yoran, CEO of Steganos. "We receive no government funding and do not allow the intelligence services to make modifications to our products. We are paid only by our customers, so we develop our security solutions for them only."

TeleTrust is a network of excellence with domestic and foreign members from the fields of industry, administration and science, as well as partnering organizations involved in the related areas. The 'IT Security made in Germany' TeleTrust initiative was established in 2005 by the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI), the Federal Ministry for Economics and Technology (BMWi), and representatives of the German IT security industry, finally becoming a registered association in 2008.

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About Steganos Software GmbH

Steganos has been the reference point for digital privacy for over 16 years. The company, founded in Germany in 1997, makes well-known and uncracked safety products, such as Steganos Privacy Suite, Steganos Password Manager, Steganos Safe, Steganos Online Shield and OkayFreedom VPN. More information can be found at www.steganos.com and www.okayfreedom.com.