



## Report of Independent Certified Public Accountant

To the Management of:

**Agència Catalana de Certificació (CATCert)**

We have examined the assertion by the management of **Agència Catalana de Certificació (CATCert)** Certification Authority, (<https://cert.webtrust.org/ViewSeal?id=1063>) that in providing its Certification Authority (CA) services at Certification Authority AC-ECC and subordinate Certification Authorities EC-AL Administracions Locals catalanes, EC-GENCAT Generalitat de Catalunya which includes EC-SAFP Secretària d'Administració i Funció Pública, EC-UR Universitats i Recerca which includes EC-URV Universitat Rovira i Virgili, EC-idCAT Ciutadans/nes and EC-PARLAMENT Parlament de Catalunya, during the period from July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 through July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010:

- Disclosed its key and certificate life cycle management business and information privacy practices (<http://www.catcert.cat/web/cat/index.jsp>) and provided such services in accordance with its disclosed practices.
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
  - Subscriber information was properly authenticated (for the registration activities performed by CATCert and
  - The integrity of keys and certificates it managed was established and protected throughout their life cycles
  - Subscriber and relying party information was restricted to authorized individuals and protected from uses not specified in the CA's business practices disclosure;
  - The continuity of key and certificate life cycle management operations was maintained; and
  - CA systems development, maintenance and operations were properly authorized and performed to maintain CA systems integrity.

Based on the AICPA/CICA WebTrust for Certification Authorities Criteria.



CATCert's management is responsible for its assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and accordingly, included.

(1) Obtaining an understanding of:

- CATCert's key and certificate life cycle management business and information privacy practices and its controls over key and certificate integrity,
- Over the authenticity and privacy of subscriber and relying party information,
- Over the continuity of key and certificate life cycle management operations, and
- Over development, maintenance and operation of systems integrity;

(2) Selectively testing transactions executed in accordance with disclosed key and certificate life cycle management business and information privacy practices;

(3) Testing and evaluating the operating effectiveness of the controls; and

(4) Performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion

In our opinion, for the period July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 through July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, CATCert management's assertion, as set forth in the first paragraph, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the AICPA/CICA WebTrust for Certification Authorities Criteria.

Because of inherent limitations in controls, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Furthermore, the projection of any conclusions, based on our findings, to future periods is subject to the risk that:

(1) Changes made to the system or controls,

(2) Changes in processing requirements,

(3) Changes required because of the passage of time, or

(4) Degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may alter the validity of such conclusions.



The WebTrust seal of assurance for Certification Authorities on CATCert's Web site constitutes a symbolic representation of the contents of this report and it is not intended, nor should it be construed, to update this report or provide any additional assurance.

The relative effectiveness and significance of specific controls at CATCert and their effect on assessments of control risk for subscribers and relying parties are dependent on their interaction with the controls, and other factors present at individual subscriber and relying party locations. We have performed no procedures to evaluate the effectiveness of controls at individual subscriber and relying party locations.

This report does not include any representation as to the quality of CATCert's services beyond those covered by the WebTrust for Certification Authorities Criteria, nor the suitability of any of CATCert's services for any customer's intended purpose.

**ERNST & YOUNG, S.L.**  
Barcelona, Spain  
July 2nd 2010

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