

**Assertion of Management as to
its Disclosure of its Business Practices and its Controls Over
its Certification Authority Operations, referred to the cryptographic OISTE WIS@key
Global Root GA CA issued on December 11, 2005 and whose thumbprint is 59 22 a1 e1
5a ea 16 35 21 f8 98 39 6a 46 46 b0 44 1b 0f a9, during the period from July 14, 2006 to
October 15, 2006.**

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WIS@key S.A., operates Certification Authority (CA) services and, issues certificates for Policy Certification Authorities (PCA), provide the following services for PCAs:

- ✦ Subscriber Registration,
- ✦ Certificate Issuance,
- ✦ Certificate Renewal,
- ✦ Certificate Distribution,
- ✦ Certificate Revocation, and
- ✦ Certificate Status Information Processing.

Management of WIS@key S.A. is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective controls over its CA operations, including **Certification Practices Statements** as CA, service integrity (including key and certificate lifecycle management controls) and the CA environment controls. Such controls contain monitoring mechanisms as well as actions taken to correct identified deficiencies.

There are inherent limitations in any controls, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even effective controls can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to WIS@key S.A. operations as Certification Authority. Furthermore, because of changes in conditions through the time, the effectiveness of such controls may vary.

Management of WISEKey S.A. has evaluated the controls over its CA operations. Based on that assessment, in WISEKey S.A Management's opinion, the Certification Authority WISEKey (whose website is: <http://www.wisekey.com/>) during the period from July 14, 2006 to October 15, 2006 has:

- Disclosed his information privacy practices and his business practices about certificate lifecycle, and provided such services in accordance with the **OISTE WISEKey Root Certification Practice Statements**.
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - Subscriber information is properly authenticated by the Registration Authority, WISEKey itself.
 - Subscriber and relying party information is restricted to authorized entities and protected from uses not specified in the CA's business practices disclosure.
 - Certificates and keys integrity are established and protected throughout their lifecycles.
 - The continuity of the management of the operations through the certificates lifecycle was maintained and
 - The development, support and operation of the CA's systems were properly authorized and performed to maintain CA systems integrity.

All of it agreeing with the WebTrust principles and criteria for Certification Authorities imposed by AICPA, CICA (**WebTrust program for CAs**) including:

CA Business Practices Disclosure

Service Integrity

Key Lifecycle Management Controls

- Certificate key generation
- Certificate key storage, backup and recovery
- Certificate public key distribution
- Certificate key usage
- Certificate key destruction
- Certificate key archival
- Certificate cryptographic hardware lifecycle management

Certificate Lifecycle Management Controls

- Subscriber registration
- Certificate renewal
- Certificates issuance
- Certificates distribution
- Certificates revocation
- Certificate status information processing

CA Environmental Controls

- CPS management
- Security management
- Assets classification and management
- Personal security
- Physical and environmental security
- Operations management
- System access management
- Systems development and maintenance
- Business continuity planning
- Monitoring and compliance
- Event journaling



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