**SkIDentity nominated for Contactless & Mobile Award**

 **[Michelau, March 13th 2015] It is already the eighth time that the most innovative and important applications of the contactless NFC-Technology will be awarded with the international “Contactless & Mobile Award”. This year ecsec GmbH with its innovative SkIDentity technology and the novel “Mobile eID as a Service” offering is among the finalists in the category „Contactless ID & Security“.**

**Mobility for electronic identity documents and identities out of the ”Trusted Cloud”**

With the innovative SkIDentity-Service (https://skidentity.com/service), which was developed within the „Trusted Cloud“ program supported by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi), various electronic identity (eID) cards like the German eID (“Elektronischer Personalausweis”), the Austrian social insurance card (e-card), the Estonian eID as well as several signature and banking cards from D-Trust, DATEV, S-Trust and GAD can easily be used in cloud and web applications. SkIDentity allows to derive cryptographically secured “Cloud Identities“ from any standard compliant eID card, which can be transferred to almost any smartphone in order to be used for pseudonymous authentication or a self-determined proof of identity in the Cloud.

**SkIDentity-Service nominated in the category “Contactless ID & Security“”**

With SkIDentity trustworthy electronic Identities can finally be used within mobile applications. “*This is a technology, which can change all our lives“*, states Steve Atkins, publisher of “Contactless Intelligence” magazine and CEO of Krowne Communications. The complete list of finalists nominated for the awards ceremony at April 28th 2015 in London can be found at <http://contactlessintelligence.com/cma-finalists-2015>. *“We are delighted that security technologies made in Germany internationally attract attention and that SkIDentity is nominated for ‚Contactless & mobile Award 2015‘“*, adds Dr. Detlef Hühnlein, CEO of ecsec GmbH.

**About SkIDentity**

The SkIDentity project is performed by an interdisciplinary team, which is coordinated by ecsec GmbH and comprises experts from ENX Association, Fraunhofer institutes for industrial engineering (IAO) and computer graphics (IGD), OpenLimit SignCubes GmbH, Ruhr University of Bochum, University of Passau, Urospace GmbH and Versicherungswirtschaftlicher Datendienst GmbH. In addition the SkIDentity team is supported by major associations and federations such as the Federal Association for Information Technology, Telecommunications and New Media (Bundesverband Informationswirtschaft, Telekommunikation und neue Medien e.V., BITKOM), the German EuroCloud association (EuroCloud Deutschland\_eco e.V.), the ProSTEP iViP association and TeleTrusT – IT Security Association Germany and well known enterprises such as DATEV eG, easy Login GmbH, media transfer AG, noris network AG, SAP AG and SiXFORM GmbH.

<http://www.skidentity.com>

**About the “Trusted Cloud” Program**

The German Federal Ministry for Economic affairs and Energy (BMWi) supports through “Trusted Cloud” the development and testing of innovative, secure and legally valid cloud computing services with about 50 million Euro. Because the various project partners roughly bring in own resources of the same amount, the program has in total about 100 million Euro as its disposal. The “Trusted Cloud” technology program of the BMWi is part of the cloud computing initiative, which has been started by the BMWi in October 2010 together with its industrial and academic partners.

[http://www.trusted-cloud.de](http://www.trusted-cloud.de/)

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