



Press release

IpsCA issues a Certification Authority for a Dutch bank

Kas Bank will offer safe online transactions thanks to ipsCA

Madrid, 11th September, 2006. **ipsCA**, a Spanish society specializing in digital certificates and electronic signature, has signed a Certification Authority (CA) for **Kas Bank**, one of the most important Dutch major bank companies since its foundation in 1806. By virtue of the agreement signed by both parties, **ipsCA** allows Kas Bank to develop its own Certification Authority from ipsCA's root certificate. This means that the bank will be able to issue digital certificates supported by the experience of the Spanish company.

With these certificates, Kas Bank seeks to offer more and better online services to its clients through safer online transactions. **ipsCA**, for its part, will provide the company with consultancy services during the installation of the Certification Authority.

Corporate CAs

Corporate CAs can generate any type of certificate –Personal Certificates, Server Certificates, certificates for WAP, for IPsec-VPN–. They are an efficient system to generate certificates for its users –employees, suppliers, or clients– and for its servers.

Depending on the function you wish to confer to the CA, you must choose a management and recognition model. We can distinguish between **Independent CAs**, where the certificates are only recognised inside the company and are not valid for Internet communications, **Chained CAs**, where the certificates are part of ipsCA certificates hierarchy and are recognised by email programs, browsers and web servers, and **CAs based on ipsCA root certificates**, where the certificates are issued with ipsCA root certificates.

The solution provided to Kas Bank corresponds with the second type, a **Chained CA**.

Other clients

As a Certification Authority inside a PKI environment, ipsCA issues digital certificates used to verify the identity online. Among the clients around the world to which ipsCA issues server certificates, we can highlight many important universities and schools of the United States, as well as about twenty Spanish professional associations that already use a digital stamping system to manage the projects of their members. Before the agreement signed with Kas Bank, ipsCA issued a Chained Certification Authority in 2003 to the Spanish *Colegio de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos* (Civil Engineering Professional Association).

Rodolfo Lomascolo, General Manager at ipsCA, states that *"it is an honour for us that a company such as Kas Bank places its trust in our solutions in order to offer a better service to its clients. Thanks to the Certification Authority we issued, Kas Bank will be able to offer safe*

online transactions to its users. Kas Bank has joined the list of the companies that already trust us.”

ipsCA

Ips Certification Authority (ipsCA) is a Spanish society that continues the work initiated by IPS in 1995 as a European pioneering Certification Authority. This society, specializing in electronic signature, works with Digital Certificates, Electronic Signature tools, Digital Stamping, Electronic Billing, Training and Consultancy related to PKI. Moreover, it offers legal advice in order to comply with Ley de Protección de Datos (Data Protection Law).

IpsCA takes part in all events related to certification services and electronic signature. Moreover, it has strategic alliances and agreements with other companies such as Microsoft, Netscape, Safelayer, Nokia, Lotus, Rainbow, ActivCard or FNMT and with other certification authorities. It has 350 international partners and is present in Microsoft product as Root Certification Authority since 1999.

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