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### **Atos Worldline obtains SAS70 type I certification**

**Brussels, 17 March 2008 – Atos Worldline, an Atos Origin Company specialised in electronic payment services, CRM and eServices, was granted SAS70 type I certification for its Belgian activity. SAS70 is a world-recognised standard of audits assessing the efficiency of a company's internal controls.**

SAS70 certification (*Statement on Auditing Standards n° 70*) is awarded by the *American Institute of Certified Public Accountants*. It gives an independent assessment of the efficiency of internal control processes of companies providing their customers with transaction services. SAS70 certification is not a legal requirement, but a voluntary measure. For Atos Worldline, it is an asset in the relationship with its clients and partners.

*“The certification reflects the level of excellence we demand for all our operations and solutions, as well as for the reliability of our systems and security rules. We are particularly proud of this achievement, since it consolidates and confirms our commitment to delivering only the best solutions to our clients”,* said Vincent Roland, managing director of Atos Worldline in Belgium.

There were two stages in the certification process. In the first stage, all our controls were registered. In the second, Deloitte conducted an external audit of our processes and control environment. By awarding us the certification, Deloitte has confirmed both the existence and efficiency of our control procedures.

Type-I certification is just the first step. In 2008, Atos Worldline aims to obtain type-II certification. Performed every year, this is an independent audit of internal controls. The auditor examines in detail whether the specified controls have effectively and systematically been carried out, for a given period (which can vary from 6 months to 1 year).

For Atos Worldline, obtaining SAS70 certification is a significant investment in terms of cost, time and resources. We consider the investment profitable,, since it guarantees our current and future clients that we have reliable control systems in place. In addition, this certification should help a certain number of our clients to meet the regulations they are subject to.

*“SOX, Basle II, PCI, MIFID, LSF, SEPA... so many laws and regulations with which we are confronted. I am however convinced that by using this regulation as an impetus for the continual reassessment and improvement of its processes, services and products, Atos Worldline has adopted the only approach that can lead to real success. The SAS70 report is just one aspect of this strategy of compliance”,* said Vincent Roland.

#### **About Atos Origin**

Atos Origin is an international information technology services company. Its business is turning client vision into results through the application of consulting, systems integration and managed operations. The company's annual revenues are EUR 5,8 billion and it employs over 50,000 people in 40 countries. Atos



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**Atos Worldline, an Atos Origin company**

Atos Worldline is a major European IT player in the processing of high-volume electronic transactions. It specialises in end-to-end payment services including issuing, acquiring and developing payment technology solutions; card processing; CRM & eServices (internet, voice and mobile services). With the focus on technological innovation, Atos Worldline implements its solutions in processing or integration mode. Atos Worldline generates annual revenues of EUR 654 million and employs over 4,000 people.