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Dear Sir.

Thank you very much for extending the deadline until Tuesday, 1st October 2013, giving us the opportunity to inform you as follows:

Our systems for lawful interception of telecommunications (Lawful Interception, short "LI")

Our technical systems on legal interception of telecommunications are a device that accepts and evidentially stores monitored communication delivered from networks of fixed and mobile network operators. The systems also contain necessary tools to render substantive evaluation of the monitored communications and provide the possibility that the findings obtained can be used in court. In addition, our systems take into account a wide range of requirements in terms of data and access security. All significant interactions with the system are recorded available for auditing.

Telecommunications surveillance and monitoring of mass communication

The lawful interception of telecommunications systems differ in their basic operation of systems which are able to widespread surveillance of mass communication. While the lawful interception of telecommunications is restricted to specific, clearly predetermined communication-connections, the nationwide monitoring tries to store and analyze the entire communication. The right for monitoring of mass communication is granted to the intelligence agencies; the detailed organization depends on the respective legal system.

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Motivation of the legal interception of telecommunications

The basic motivation of telecommunications surveillance in the legal system of a society is nourished by the idea that with their help serious crimes can be solved and possibly also be prevented. This idea is international consensus.

Such motivation can be seen in the work programs of those international organizations which deal in the standardization of telecommunications networks, including the standardization of systems for legal telecommunications surveillance. Such organizations include the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the European Telecommunication Standardization Institute (ETSI). These standardization organizations operate also at future community projects for the standardization of telecommunications surveillance in order to uniformly incorporate these in future networks. ATIS systems GmbH is a full member of ETSI, and regularly takes part in the plenary sessions.

The complexity of today's telecommunications networks and the numerous services offered therein results that LI is economically and technically only feasible through coordinated interactions and dialogues between all different stakeholders. Representatives of legislative, executive, judiciary, as well as network operators, network equipment manufacturers and producers of telecommunications interception equipment, closely and constructively work together in the ITU and ETSI working groups.

Finally, we want to point out that our customers are basically governmental organizations that have a mandate to telecommunications monitoring according to the laws of the respective country. This always implies the cooperation with regulators, communications network operators and manufacturers of communications infrastructure. As part of our international business, please be assured that we strictly adhere to all applicable export control regulations, in particular to the requirements of the German Federal Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA), the regulations of the European Union and the U.S. authorities. In addition, we carefully note the relevant export restrictions for certain technologies and daily monitor and screen all sanctions aimed at individuals and groups.

Best regards

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