



Press release

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Protect Data sells 200,000 ActivCard tokens as part of security solution for Swedbank – Option for a further 100,000 units

IT security company Protect Data has won an order for further delivery of security solutions for Swedbank. The order relates to 200,000 security tokens and includes an option for a further 100,000 units.

"This is further proof of the fact that we are offering a highly attractive range of IT security solutions," says Carl Rosvall, CEO of Protect Data AB.

ActivCard's tokens enable customers to authenticate themselves by simply typing a PIN on their token keypad to create a secure password for positive digital identity. Protect Data will initiate and prepare the tokens and will also handle their storage and distribution to local bank branches.

Swedbank is buying 200,000 tokens. The bank also has the option of purchasing a further 100,000 tokens for delivery later on. The additional order confirms the strength of the collaboration between Protect Data, ActivCard and Swedbank, dating back to 1996, in ensuring the bank's customers can confidently conduct financial transactions online.

"This is the result of an extremely good collaborative climate – between Protect Data and Swedbank as well as between Protect Data and ActivCard," says Carl Rosvall of Protect Data.

"The fact that the association rate to Swedbank over Internet continues to be high, 5 000 – 8 000 new customers a week, shows among other things that this is a service that gives our customers a feeling of security. Therefore it is natural that we continue our partnership with Protect Data, a company that supplies our customers with a secure solution for banking service over the Internet", says Håkan Nyberg, Manager of Swedbank's Internet bank.

"We welcome the continued strong expansion of Swedbank's customer base as testimony to the healthy growth in the Swedish Internet banking market," said Marc Hudavert, Vice President, ActivCard Europe.

ActivCard's system is a flexible solution that can be used in most types of system where you communicate with central applications. The system has the advantage that it also works with an extremely large number of users, as is demonstrated by Swedbank, which has more than 1 million users. Furthermore, the user is not tied to one place, but can carry out his or her banking transactions from any computer with an Internet connection.

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Protect Data AB is a Group offering tailor-made IT security solutions to large companies and organisations. The company offers access-controlling and encrypting systems for personal computers, anti-virus systems, firewalls, user identification systems, content control systems, Secure VPNs, digital signatures and PKI, and systems for secure transactions. Its subsidiary, **Pointsec Mobile Technologies**, develops access-controlling and encrypting systems for stationary and portable computers, palmtop computers and smart telephones. Subsidiary **Protect Data Konsult**, tailors security solutions to increase clients' competitiveness and improve business. Subsidiary, Protect Data is the market leader in its business area in the Nordic region and has subsidiaries in Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Czech Republik, Slovakia, the United Kingdom and the USA. Protect Data has approximately 160 employees and is listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange Attract 40 list. Visit our website at: www.protectdata.com.

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