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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT

To the Management of Microsoft Core Services Engineering & Operations ("Microsoft CSEO"):

We have examined for Microsoft CSEO's certification authority ("CA") operations at Redmond, Washington, Microsoft CSEO's disclosure of its SSL certificate life cycle management business practices, including its commitment to provide SSL certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Requirements on the Microsoft CSEO [website](#), the provision of such services in accordance with its disclosed practices, and the design of its controls over key and SSL certificate integrity, over the authenticity and confidentiality of SSL subscriber and relying party information, over continuity of key and SSL certificate life cycle management operations, and over development, maintenance, and operation of CA systems integrity, and over meeting the network and certificate system security requirements set forth by the CA/Browser Forum, throughout the period April 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018 for its CAs enumerated in [Appendix A](#), in scope for SSL Baseline Requirements and Network Security Requirements.

These disclosures and controls are the responsibility of Microsoft CSEO's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the conformity of these disclosures and controls with the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security, Version 2.2](#), based on our examination.

We conducted our examination in accordance with standards for attestation engagements established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included:

- obtaining an understanding of Microsoft CSEO's SSL certificate lifecycle management business practices, including its relevant controls over the issuance, renewal, and revocation of SSL certificates, and obtaining an understanding of Microsoft CSEO's network and certificate system security to meet the requirements set forth by the CA/Browser Forum;
- selectively testing transactions executed in accordance with disclosed SSL certificate lifecycle management practices;
- testing and evaluating the operating effectiveness of the controls; and
- performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The relative effectiveness and significance of specific controls at Microsoft CSEO and their effect on assessments of control risk for subscribers and relying parties are dependent on their interaction with the controls, and other factors present at individual subscriber and relying party locations. We have performed no procedures to evaluate the effectiveness of controls at individual subscriber and relying party locations.



Because of the nature and inherent limitations of controls, Microsoft CSEO’s ability to meet the aforementioned criteria may be affected. For example, controls may not prevent, or detect and correct, error, fraud, unauthorized access to systems and information, or failure to comply with internal and external policies or requirements. Also, the projection of any conclusions based on our findings to future periods is subject to the risk that changes may alter the validity of such conclusions.

We noted the following matters that resulted in a modification of our opinion.

Impacted WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security		Control Deficiency Noted
2.2.14	The CA maintains controls to provide reasonable assurance that Subject information of Certificates conforms to the Baseline Requirements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• subject:commonName• subject:organizationName• subject:givenName• subject:surname• subject:streetAddress• subject:localityName• subject:stateOrProvinceName• subject:postalCode• subject:countryName• subject:organizationalUnitName• Other Subject Attributes• Subject field requirements if Reserved Certificate Policy Identifiers are asserted• Subject Information for Subordinate CA certificates	Thirty-seven certificates issued during the period did not conform to the Baseline Requirements related to the subject information.
2.7.3	The CA maintains controls to provide reasonable assurance that audit logs generated after the Effective Date (1 July 2012) are retained for at least seven years.	Firewall and router logs are only being retained for two years.

This caused the WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security Criteria 2.2.14 and 2.7.3 to not be met.

In our opinion, except for the effect of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, throughout the period April 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018, in all material respects, Microsoft CSEO has:

- disclosed its SSL certificate lifecycle management business practices in its:
 - [Microsoft IT PKI Certificate Policy/Certification Practice Statement for SSL CAs, Version 1.5, Effective October 30, 2017](#); and
 - [Microsoft IT PKI Certificate Policy/Certification Practice Statement for SSL CAs, Version 1.4, Effective December 20, 2016](#)

including its commitment to provide SSL certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Requirements on the Microsoft CSEO [website](#), and provided such services in accordance with its disclosed practices



- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - the integrity of keys and SSL certificates it manages is established and protected throughout their lifecycles; and
 - SSL subscriber information is properly authenticated for the registration activities performed by the Microsoft CSEO CA

- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - logical and physical access to CA systems and data is restricted to authorized individuals;
 - the continuity of key and certificate management operations is maintained; and
 - CA systems development, maintenance, and operations are properly authorized and performed to maintain CA systems integrity

- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that it meets the Network and Certificate System Security Requirements as set forth by the CA/Browser Forum

based on the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security, Version 2.2.](#)

This report does not include any representation as to the quality of Microsoft CSEO's services other than its CA operations at Redmond, Washington, nor the suitability of any of Microsoft CSEO's services for any customer's intended purpose.

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St. Louis, Missouri
April 27, 2018



Microsoft Core Services Engineering & Operations Management's Assertion

Microsoft Core Services Engineering & Operations ("Microsoft CSEO") operates the Certification Authority ("CA") services for its CAs enumerated in [Appendix A](#) in scope for SSL Baseline and Network Security Requirements and provides SSL CA services.

Microsoft CSEO's management has assessed its disclosures of its certificate practices and controls over its SSL CA services. Based on that assessment, in providing its SSL CA services at Redmond, Washington, throughout the period April 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018, Microsoft CSEO has:

- disclosed its SSL certificate lifecycle management business practices in its:
 - [Microsoft IT PKI Certificate Policy/Certification Practice Statement for SSL CAs, Version 1.4, Effective October 30, 2017](#); and
 - [Microsoft IT PKI Certificate Policy/Certification Practice Statement for SSL CAs, Version 1.4, Effective December 20, 2016](#)including its commitment to provide SSL certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Requirements on the Microsoft CSEO [website](#), and provided such services in accordance with its disclosed practices
- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - the integrity of keys and SSL certificates it manages is established and protected throughout their lifecycles; and
 - SSL subscriber information is properly authenticated for the registration activities performed by Microsoft CSEO
- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - logical and physical access to CA systems and data is restricted to authorized individuals;
 - the continuity of key and certificate management operations is maintained; and
 - CA systems development, maintenance, and operations are properly authorized and performed to maintain CA systems integrity
- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that it meets the Network and Certificate System Security Requirements as set forth by the CA/Browser Forum

based on the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security, Version 2.2](#), except for the effects of the matters noted below:

Impacted WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security		Control Deficiency Noted
2.2.14	The CA maintains controls to provide reasonable assurance that Subject information of Certificates conforms to the Baseline Requirements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• subject:commonName• subject:organizationName	Thirty-seven certificates issued during the period did not conform to the Baseline Requirements related to the subject information.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• subject:givenName• subject:surname• subject:streetAddress• subject:localityName• subject:stateOrProvinceName• subject:postalCode• subject:countryName• subject:organizationalUnitName• Other Subject Attributes• Subject field requirements if Reserved Certificate Policy Identifiers are asserted• Subject Information for Subordinate CA certificates	Management Response: As Microsoft added additional compliance checks, 37 certificates were reported to be issued out of BL requirements. These certificates were not compromised and may not have been picked up by a 3% audit; it was important for our program to have these replaced and revoked.
2.7.3	The CA maintains controls to provide reasonable assurance that audit logs generated after the Effective Date (1 July 2012) are retained for at least seven years.	Firewall and router logs are only being retained for two years. Management Response: As a result of a newly implemented tool, the network logs for the legacy environment, set to be decommissioned this year, were no longer accessible for the entire 7-year retention period. All environments are now configured to ensure retention of logs in accordance with the Microsoft Retention Policy.

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April 27, 2018



APPENDIX A - IN-SCOPE CAs

Issuing CAs	Serial Number	SHA1 Thumbprint	SHA2 Thumbprint
CN = Microsoft IT SSL SHA1 OU = Microsoft IT O = Microsoft Corporation L = Redmond S = Washington C = US	07 27 aa 46	7b 65 52 4c 60 06 ce 5f d2 93 c3 05 10 43 c6 d1 38 4d 62 6a	9d 56 01 ca ca f8 97 1b f0 54 fa 23 3f e6 04 df 17 bb 45 8d b2 06 f1 0c a0 be bc a4 c5 46 6b ce
CN = Microsoft IT SSL SHA2 OU = Microsoft IT O = Microsoft Corporation L = Redmond S = Washington C = US	07 27 aa 47	97 ef f3 02 86 77 89 4b dd 4f 9a c5 3f 78 9b ee 5d f4 ad 86	23 99 98 3e 99 70 3e bd 01 ce a4 66 c1 07 99 81 0c 4b a6 2a 8d 61 b8 81 70 a3 34 dc d6 1b b2 0f
CN = Microsoft IT TLS CA 1 OU = Microsoft IT O = Microsoft Corporation L = Redmond S = Washington C = US	08 b8 7a 50 1b be 9c da 2d 16 4d 3e 39 51 bf 55	41 7e 22 50 37 fb fa a4 f9 57 61 d5 ae 72 9e 1a ea 7e 3a 42	4f f4 04 f0 2e 2c d0 01 88 f1 5d 1c 00 f4 b6 d1 e3 8b 5a 39 5c f8 53 14 ea eb a8 55 b6 a6 4b 75
CN = Microsoft IT TLS CA 2 OU = Microsoft IT O = Microsoft Corporation L = Redmond S = Washington C = US	0f 2c 10 c9 5b 06 c0 93 7f b8 d4 49 f8 3e 85 69	54 d9 d2 02 39 08 0c 32 31 6e d9 ff 98 0a 48 98 8f 4a df 2d	4e 10 7c 98 1b 42 ac be 41 c0 10 67 e1 6d 44 db 64 81 4d 41 93 e5 72 31 7e a0 4b 87 c7 9c 47 5f



CN = Microsoft IT TLS CA 4 OU = Microsoft IT O = Microsoft Corporation L = Redmond S = Washington C = US	0b 6a b3 b0 3e b1 a9 f6 c4 60 92 6a a8 cd fe b3	8a 38 75 5d 09 96 82 3f e8 fa 31 16 a2 77 ce 44 6e ac 4e 99	5f fa c4 3e 0d dc 5b 4a f2 b6 96 f6 bc 4d b7 e9 1d f3 14 bb 8f e0 d0 71 3a 0b 1a 7a d2 a6 8f ac
CN = Microsoft IT TLS CA 5 OU = Microsoft IT O = Microsoft Corporation L = Redmond S = Washington C = US	08 88 cd 52 5f 19 24 44 4d 14 a5 82 91 de b9 52	ad 89 8a c7 3d f3 33 eb 60 ac 1f 5f c6 c4 b2 21 9d db 79 b7	f0 ee 59 14 ed 94 c7 25 2d 05 8b 4e 39 80 8a ee 6f a8 f6 2c f0 97 4f b7 d6 d2 a9 df 16 e3 a8 7f