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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT

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

We have examined Microsoft CSEO management’s [assertion](#) that for its Certification Authority (“CA”) operations at Redmond, Washington, throughout the period April 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018 for its CAs enumerated in [Appendix A](#), Microsoft CSEO has:

- disclosed its business, key lifecycle management, certificate lifecycle management, and CA environmental control 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](#)
- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that Microsoft CSEO provides its services in accordance with its Certificate Policy/Certification Practice Statement
- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - the integrity of keys and certificates it manages is established and protected throughout their lifecycles; and
 - subscriber information is properly authenticated
- 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

based on the WebTrust [Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities, Version 2.0](#). Microsoft CSEO management is responsible for its assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management’s assertion, based on our examination.

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. Our examination did not extend to controls at individual subscriber and relying party locations and we have not evaluated the effectiveness of such controls.



Microsoft CSEO does not escrow its CA keys, does not provide subscriber key lifecycle management services, does not provide certificate suspension services, and does not manage any subordinate CAs. Accordingly, our examination did not extend to controls that would address those criteria.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's assertion. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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.

In our opinion, Microsoft CSEO's management assertion, as referred to above, is fairly stated, in all material respects.

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.

BDO USA, LLP

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](#), and provides the following CA services:

- Subscriber registration
- Certificate renewal
- Certificate rekey
- Certificate issuance
- Certificate distribution
- Certificate revocation
- Certificate validation

The management of Microsoft CSEO is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective controls over its CA operations, including its CA business practices disclosure on its [website](#), CA business practice management, CA environmental controls, CA key lifecycle management controls, and certificate lifecycle management controls. These controls contain monitoring mechanisms, and actions are taken to correct deficiencies identified.

There are inherent limitations in any controls, including the possibility of human error, and the circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even effective controls can only provide reasonable assurance with respect to Microsoft CSEO CA operations. Furthermore, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of controls may vary over time.

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

- disclosed its business, key lifecycle management, certificate lifecycle management, and CA environmental control practices in its:
 - [Microsoft IT PKI Certificate Policy/Certification Practice Statement for SSL CAs, Version 1.5, Effective October 30, 2017](#); and
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- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that Microsoft CSEO provides its services in accordance with its Certificate Policy/Certification Practice Statement
- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - the integrity of keys and certificates it manages is established and protected throughout their lifecycles; and
 - subscriber information is properly authenticated



- 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

based on the WebTrust [Trust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities, Version 2.0](#), including the following:

CA Business Practices Disclosure

- Certification Practice Statement (CPS)
- Certificate Policy (CP)

CA Business Practices Management

- Certificate Policy Management
- Certification Practice Statement Management

CA Environmental Controls

- Security Management
- Asset Classification and Management
- Personnel Security
- Physical & Environmental Security
- Operations Management
- System Access Management
- System Development and Maintenance
- Business Continuity Management
- Monitoring and Compliance
- Audit Logging

CA Key Lifecycle Management Controls

- CA Key Generation
- CA Key Storage, Backup, and Recovery
- CA Public Key Distribution
- CA Key Usage
- CA Key Archival and Destruction
- CA Key Compromise
- CA Cryptographic Hardware Lifecycle Management



Certificate Lifecycle Management Controls

- Subscriber Registration
- Certificate Renewal
- Certificate Rekey
- Certificate Issuance
- Certificate Distribution
- Certificate Revocation
- Certificate Validation

Microsoft CSEO does not escrow its CA keys, does not provide subscriber key lifecycle management services, does not provide certificate suspension services, and does not manage any subordinate CAs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bijju Mathew".

Bijju Mathew
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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