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Independent Accountant's Report

To the Board of Directors of Starfield Technologies, LLC:

We have examined the assertion by management of Starfield Technologies, LLC. ("Starfield") for its Starfield and Go Daddy EV Certification Authority (CA) operations at Scottsdale, Arizona and Phoenix, Arizona, throughout the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 for its Root and Subordinate CAs listed in Appendix A,

- Starfield disclosed its extended validation SSL ("EV SSL") certificate life cycle management business practices in its <u>Starfield Technologies</u>, <u>LLC Certificate Policy and Certification Practices</u> <u>Statement (CP/CPS)</u>, version 3.8, dated April 15, 2016 including its commitment to provide EV SSL certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Guidelines on the Starfield website, and provided such services in accordance with its disclosed practices
- Starfield maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - the integrity of keys and EV SSL certificates it manages is established and protected throughout their life cycles; and
 - EV SSL subscriber information is properly authenticated (for the registration activities performed by Starfield)

based on the WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Extended Validation SSL v1.4.5.

Starfield's management is responsible for its assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion 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:

- (1) obtaining an understanding of Starfield's EV SSL certificate life cycle management business practices, including its relevant controls over the issuance, renewal, and revocation of EV SSL certificates:
- (2) selectively testing transactions executed in accordance with disclosed EV SSL certificate life cycle management practices;
- (3) testing and evaluating the operating effectiveness of the controls; and
- (4) 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 Starfield 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, Starfield'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, throughout the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, Starfield management's assertion, as referred to above, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Extended Validation SSL v1.4.5.

This report does not include any representation as to the quality of Starfield's services beyond those covered by the WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Extended Validation SSL v1.4.5, nor the suitability of any of Starfield's services for any customer's intended purpose.

Starfield's use of the WebTrust for Certification Authorities – Extended Validation SSL Seal constitutes a symbolic representation of the contents of this report and it is not intended, nor should it be construed, to update this report or provide any additional assurance.

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Santa Clara, California August 31, 2016

Appendix A - Starfield and Go Daddy EV CAs

Starfield CAs	Go Daddy CAs
Starfield Class 2 Certification Authority	Go Daddy Class 2 Certification Authority
Starfield Root Certificate Authority - G2	Go Daddy Root Certificate Authority - G2
Starfield Root Certificate Authority - G3	Go Daddy Root Certificate Authority - G3
Starfield Root Certificate Authority - G4	Go Daddy Root Certificate Authority - G4
Starfield Secure Certification Authority	Go Daddy Secure Certification Authority
Starfield Secure Certificate Authority - G2	Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority -G2
Starfield Secure Certificate Authority - G3	Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority - G3
Starfield Secure Certificate Authority - G4	Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority - G4



Assertion by Management as to Its Disclosure of its Business Practices and its Controls Over Certification Authority Operations throughout the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

August 31, 2016

Starfield Technologies, LLC. ("Starfield") operates the Starfield and Go Daddy EV Certification Authority (CA) services and provides Extended Validation SSL ("EV SSL") CA services, and includes the following,

Starfield CAs	Go Daddy CAs
Starfield Class 2 Certification Authority	Go Daddy Class 2 Certification Authority
Starfield Root Certificate Authority - G2	Go Daddy Root Certificate Authority - G2
Starfield Root Certificate Authority - G3	Go Daddy Root Certificate Authority - G3
Starfield Root Certificate Authority - G4	Go Daddy Root Certificate Authority - G4
Starfield Secure Certification Authority	Go Daddy Secure Certification Authority
Starfield Secure Certificate Authority - G2	Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority -G2
Starfield Secure Certificate Authority - G3	Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority - G3
Starfield Secure Certificate Authority - G4	Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority - G4

The management of Starfield is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective controls over its EV SSL CA operations, including its EV SSL CA business practices disclosure on its website, EV SSL key life cycle management controls, and EV SSL certificate life cycle 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 Starfield's Certification Authority operations. Furthermore, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of controls may vary over time.

Starfield management has assessed its disclosures of its certificate practices and controls over its EV SSL CA services. Based on that assessment, in Starfield management's opinion, in providing its EV SSL Certification Authority (CA) services at Scottsdale, Arizona and Phoenix, Arizona, throughout the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, Starfield has:

- disclosed its extended validation SSL ("EV SSL") certificate life cycle management business
 practices in its <u>Starfield Technologies</u>, <u>LLC Certificate Policy and Certification Practices</u>
 <u>Statement (CP/CPS)</u>, version 3.8, dated April 15, 2016 including its commitment to provide EV
 SSL certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Guidelines on the Starfield website,
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- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
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Starfield Technologies, LLC

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