

Report of Independent Accountants

To the Management of Web.com Group, Inc.

We have examined the [assertion](#) by the management of Web.com Group, Inc. (“Web.com” the parent company of “Network Solutions”), that in providing its SSL Certification Authority (CA) services at the Herndon, Virginia, United States; Clifton, New Jersey, United States; Weehawken, New Jersey, United States; Secaucus, New Jersey, United States; Bradford, England, United Kingdom; and Manchester, England, United Kingdom locations for the Root Keys listed in Appendix A, during the period from April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016, Web.com has:

- Disclosed its Certificate practices and procedures and its commitment to provide SSL Certificates in conformity with the applicable CA/Browser Forum Guidelines.
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - The integrity of keys and certificates it managed was established and protected throughout their life cycles; and
 - Subscriber information was properly collected, authenticated (for the registration activities performed by Network Solutions) and verified.
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - Logical and physical access to CA systems and data was restricted to authorized individuals;
 - The continuity of key and certificate management operations was maintained; and
 - CA systems development, maintenance and operations were properly authorized and performed to maintain CA systems integrity.
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - It met the Network and Certificate System Security Requirements set forth by the CA/Browser Forum

based on the [WebTrust^{SM/TM} Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – SSL Baseline with Network Security, Version 2.0](#).

Network Solutions’ management is responsible for its assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management’s assertion based on our examination.

Network Solutions makes use of external registration authorities for specific subscriber registration activities as disclosed in Network Solutions’ business practice disclosures. Our examination did not extend to the controls exercised by the external registration authorities.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and accordingly, included (1) obtaining an understanding of Network Solutions’ key and SSL certificate life cycle management business practices and its controls over key and certificate integrity, over the authenticity and confidentiality of subscriber and relying party information, over the continuity of key and certificate life cycle management operations, and over development, maintenance and operation of systems integrity; (2)

selectively testing transactions executed in accordance with disclosed key and certificate life cycle management business 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 Network Solutions 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, Network Solutions' 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, for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016, Web.com management's assertion, as set forth in the first paragraph, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the [WebTrust^{SM/TM} Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – SSL Baseline with Network Security, Version 2.0](#).

The WebTrust seal of assurance for certification authorities on Network Solutions' Web site 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.

This report does not include any representation as to the quality of Network Solutions' certification services beyond those covered by the [WebTrust^{SM/TM} Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – SSL Baseline with Network Security, Version 2.0](#) criteria, or the suitability of any of Network Solutions' services for any customer's intended purpose.

Ernst & Young LLP

August 5, 2016

**Assertion of Management on its
Certificate Practices Disclosures and Controls Over its
SSL Certification Authority Services during the
period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016**

August 5, 2016

Management of Web.com Group, Inc. ("Web.com" the parent company of "Network Solutions") has assessed the disclosure of its certificate practices and its controls over its SSL Certification Authority (CA) services. Based on that assessment, in Web.com Management's opinion, in providing its SSL CA services in Herndon, Virginia, United States; Clifton, New Jersey, United States; Weehawken, New Jersey, United States; Secaucus, New Jersey, United States; Bradford, England, United Kingdom; and Manchester, England, United Kingdom for the Root Keys listed in Appendix A, during the period from April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016, Network Solutions has:

- Disclosed its Certificate practices and procedures and its commitment to provide SSL Certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Guidelines.
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - The integrity of keys and certificates it managed was established and protected throughout their life cycles; and
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- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - Logical and physical access to CA systems and data was restricted to authorized individuals;
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based on the [WebTrust^{SM/TM} Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – SSL Baseline with Network Security, Version 2.0.](#)

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Appendix A

Reference	Root Name
1	(SHA-2) Network Solutions Certificate Authority
2	Network Solutions Certificate Authority
3	Network Solutions DV Server CA