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## Independent Accountants' Report

To the Board of Directors of  
Starfield Technologies, LLC:

We have examined the assertion by the management of Starfield Technologies, LLC ("Starfield") that in providing its Starfield and Go Daddy SSL Certification Authority (CA) services at Scottsdale, Arizona and Phoenix, Arizona, during the period September 15, 2013 through December 15, 2013, Starfield has —

- Disclosed its Certificate practices and procedures in its Starfield Technologies, LLC Certificate Policy and Certification Practices Statement (CP/CPS), dated August 30, 2013, including its commitment to provide SSL Certificates in conformity with the applicable CA/Browser Forum Guidelines
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
  - Subscriber information was properly collected, authenticated (for the registration activities performed by the CA and Registration Authority (RA) )and verified;
  - The integrity of keys and certificates it manages was established and protected throughout their life cycles;
  - 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.

based on the WebTrust® for Certification Authorities – SSL Baseline Requirements Audit Criteria, for the ValiCert Class 2 Policy Validation Authority, Starfield Class 2 Root Certification Authority, Starfield Secure Certification Authority (1024 bit), Starfield Secure Certification Authority (2048 bit), Starfield Services Root Certification Authority, Starfield Root Certification Authority – G2, Starfield Secure Certification Authority – G2, Starfield Services Root Certification Authority – G2, Go Daddy Class 2 Certification Authority, Go Daddy Secure Certification Authority, Go Daddy Root Certification Authority – G2, and Go Daddy Secure Certification Authority – G2 (collectively referred to as the "Starfield and Go Daddy SSL CAs").

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

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 Starfield's key and SSL certificate life cycle management business practices and its controls over key and SSL certificate integrity, over the continuity of key and certificate life cycle management operations, and over the development, maintenance, and operation of systems integrity; (2) selectively testing transactions executed in accordance with disclosed SSL 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.



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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, for the period September 15, 2013 through December 15, 2013, Starfield management's assertion, as set forth in the first paragraph, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the WebTrust® for Certification Authorities – Baseline Requirements Audit Criteria.

This report does not include any representation as to the quality of Starfield's certification services beyond those covered by the WebTrust® for Certification Authorities – Baseline Requirements Audit Criteria, nor the suitability of any of Starfield's services for any customer's intended purpose.

*KPMG LLP*

January 27, 2014  
San Francisco, California



**Assertion of Management as to  
its Disclosure of its Business Practices and its Controls  
over its Certification Authority Operations  
during the period from September 15, 2013 Through December 15, 2013**

January 27, 2014

Starfield Technologies, LLC ("Starfield") provides its Starfield and Go Daddy SSL certification authority (CA) services through its ValiCert Class 2 Policy Validation Authority, Starfield Class 2 Root Certification Authority, Starfield Secure Certification Authority (1024 bit), Starfield Secure Certification Authority (2048 bit), Starfield Services Root Certification Authority, Starfield Root Certification Authority – G2, Starfield Secure Certification Authority – G2, Starfield Services Root Certification Authority – G2, Go Daddy Class 2 Certification Authority, Go Daddy Secure Certification Authority, Go Daddy Root Certification Authority – G2, and Go Daddy Secure Certification Authority – G2 (collectively referred to as the "Starfield and Go Daddy SSL CAs").

The management of Starfield has assessed the disclosure of its certificate practices and its controls over its Starfield and Go Daddy SSL CA services. Based on that assessment, in Starfield Management's opinion, in providing its SSL CA services at Scottsdale, Arizona and Phoenix, Arizona, during the period from September 15, 2013 through December 15, 2013, Starfield has:

- Disclosed its Certificate practices and procedures in its Starfield Technologies, LLC Certificate Policy and Certification Practices Statement (CP/CPS), version 3.1, dated August 30, 2013, including its commitment to provide SSL Certificates in conformity with the applicable CA/Browser Forum Guidelines
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
  - Subscriber information was properly collected, authenticated (for the registration activities performed by the CA and Registration Authority (RA)) and verified;
  - The integrity of keys and certificates it manages was established and protected throughout their life cycles;
  - 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.

in accordance with the WebTrust® for Certification Authorities – SSL Baseline Requirements Audit Criteria.

Starfield Technologies, LLC

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