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CONFIRMATION OF READINESS ASSESSMENT

To the management of Fiducia & GAD IT AG:

Fiducia & GAD IT AG (“Fiducia & GAD”) engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers AG WPG (PwC) to perform a readiness assessment. Our procedures were performed between September 2015 and November 2015.

We have examined the assertion by the management of Fiducia & GAD, that in providing its Certification Authority (“CA”) service in Muenster, Germany known as “VR Ident SSL CA 2016” and “VR Ident EV SSL CA 2016” as of November 30, 2015 has:

- disclosed its certificate practices 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 certificate policy and/or certificate practice statement are available on a 24x7 basis and updated annually
 - subscriber information is properly collected, authenticated (for registration activities performed by Fiducia & GAD) and verified
 - the integrity of keys and certificates it manages is established and protected throughout their life cycles,
 - logical and physical access to CA systems and data is restricted to authorized individuals
 - the continuity of key and certificate management operations is maintained,
 - CA systems development, maintenance and operations are properly authorized and performed to maintain CA system integrity, and
 - met the Network and Certificate System Security Requirements as set forth by the CA/Browser Forum

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in accordance with the WebTrust for Certification Authorities Trust Services Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security Version 2.0 ("the Trust Services Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security").

The management of Fiducia & GAD is responsible for its assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion based on our examination.

We conducted our work in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 "Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information". This standard requires that we comply with ethical requirements, and plan and perform the assurance engagement to obtain reasonable assurance whether the management's assertion of Fiducia & GAD Certification Authority complies, in all material respects, with the Trust Services Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security.

A reasonable assurance engagement involves performing procedures to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence whether the management's assertion of Fiducia & GAD Certification Authority complies with the Trust Services Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material noncompliance of the management's assertion of Fiducia & GAD Certification Authority with the Trust Services Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security. Within the scope of our work we performed amongst others the following procedures: (1) obtaining an understanding of Fiducia & GAD Certification Authority's SSL certificate life cycle management practices and procedures, including its relevant controls over the issuance, renewal and revocation of SSL certificates; (2) evaluating the suitability of the design of practices and procedures; and (3) performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Management has not placed its Certification Authority services in operation and, therefore, additional changes may be made to the design of the controls before the service is launched. We did not perform procedures to determine the operating effectiveness of controls for any period. Accordingly, we express no opinion on the operating effectiveness of any aspects of Fiducia & GAD Certification Authority's controls, individually or in the aggregate.

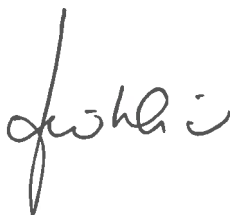
We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

In our opinion, as of November 30, 2015, Fiducia & GAD's management assertion referred to above is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the Trust Services Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security.

PwC is scheduled to perform a formal assessment to Fiducia & GAD's certification authority service in line with the Trust Services Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security Criteria in February 2016.

Yours faithfully,

PricewaterhouseCoopers
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**Assertion of Management as to
its Disclosure of its Business Practices and its Controls Over
its SSL Certification Authority Operations
as of November 30, 2015**

November 30, 2015

The management of Fiducia & GAD IT AG has assessed the disclosure of its certificate practices and its controls over its SSL certification authority (CA) service located in Muenster, NRW, Germany. The keys and certificates covered in our assessment are listed in the Appendix of this letter.

Based on that assessment, in Fiducia & GAD IT AG's opinion, in developing its SSL-CA service on November 30, 2015 has:

- disclosed its certificate practices 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 certificate policy and/or certificate practice statement are available on a 24x7 basis and updated annually
 - subscriber information is properly collected, authenticated (for registration activities performed by Fiducia & GAD IT AG) and verified
 - the integrity of keys and certificates it manages is established and protected throughout their life cycles,
 - 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 system integrity

in accordance with the Trust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – SSL Baseline with Network Security – Version 2.



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Appendix A

Subordinate CAs operated by Fiducia & GAD IT AG's SSL-CA services (VR-Ident):

Reference	Key Name
1	VR Ident SSL CA 2016
2	VR Ident EV SSL CA 2016