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Dear Mrs. Peens

Independent Assurance Report on the Lawtrust Public Key Operations

We have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement on the assertion by the Directors of LAW Trusted Third Party Services (Pty) Ltd (LAWtrust) that at 31 December 2013 LAWtrust has:

- Disclosed its key and certificate life cycle management, business and information privacy practices in its Certification Practice Statements (CPS):
  - LAWtrust 2048 Issuing Certificate Authority (LAWtrust2048 CA);
  - LAWtrust 2048 Root Certificate Authority
- Published the CPS for each CA on the website of the LAWtrust Policy Authority and provided services in accordance with the disclosed practices;
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
  - Subscriber information was properly authenticated for the registration activities performed by LAWtrust; and
  - The integrity of keys and certificates it managed were established and protected throughout their life cycles.
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
  - Subscriber and relying party information was restricted to authorised individuals and protected from use not specified in the CA’s business practices disclosure;
  - The continuity of key and certificate life cycle management operations was maintained; and
  - CA systems development, maintenance and operations were properly authorised and performed to maintain CA systems integrity.

LAWtrust have based their public key operations on AICPA/CPA Web Trust for Certificate Authorities Criteria (version 2.0, July 1, 2011) standard for the following CA’s (referred to collectively as the “LAWtrust PKI”):

- LAWtrust 2048 Issuing Certificate Authority (LAWtrust2048 CA); and
- LAWtrust 2048 Root Certificate Authority (RCA).
The above shall collectively be referred to as the Directors’ assertion that controls have been implemented based on the AICPA/CPA Web Trust for Certificate Authorities Criteria (version 2.0, July 1, 2011) at 31 December 2013.

This report is prepared for the purpose of providing information to AICPA/CPA Web Trust Certification Authorities in order to obtain Web Trust Certification.

**Directors’ responsibility for the assertion and implementation of controls**
The Directors of LAWtrust are responsible for preparing the assertion in accordance with the requirements of the AICPA/CPA Web Trust for Certificate Authorities Criteria (version 2.0, July 1, 2011). The Directors are also responsible for implementing the controls required ensure that the company has complied with the AICPA/CPA Web Trust for Certificate Authorities Criteria (version 2.0, July 1, 2011).

**Our responsibility**
Our responsibility is to express a reasonable assurance conclusion on the assertion based on our work performed. We conducted our engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements, Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Financial Information (ISAE 3000). Our procedures selected depend on our judgment.

We have complied with the International Federation of Accountants’ Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, which includes comprehensive independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

**Summary of work performed**
The work that we performed included:

- Obtaining an understanding of LAWtrust’s controls governing:
  - key and certificate life cycle management;
  - business and information privacy practices;
  - key and certificate integrity;
  - the authenticity and privacy of subscriber and relying party information; continuity of key and certificate life cycle management operations; and
  - development, maintenance and operations of CA systems.
- Testing transactions executed in accordance with disclosed key and certificate life cycle management business and information privacy practices;
- Testing and evaluating the operating effectiveness of the controls; and
- Performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

**Limitations of controls**
Due to inherent limitations in controls, errors or fraud may occur and may not be detected. Furthermore, the projection of any conclusions based on our findings, to future periods is subject to the following risk:
Changes made to the system or controls after our review;
Changes in the processing requirements;
Changes required due to the passage of time; or
The degree of compliance with the policies and procedures may alter the validity of such conclusions.

Conclusion
In our opinion, the Directors’ assertion that controls have been implemented based on the AICPA/CPA Web Trust for Certificate Authorities Criteria (version 2.0, July 1, 2011) at 31 December 2013 is fairly stated.

Restriction on use
As indicated, this report is for the purpose of providing information to the AICPA/CPA Web Trust Certification Authorities in order to obtain Web Trust Certification and may not be suitable for another purpose. This report is intended only for customers who have used LAWtrust’s services, and their auditors, who have a sufficient understanding to consider it, along with other information including information about controls operated by customers themselves, when obtaining an understanding of customers’ information systems.

Yours sincerely

F. Rizzo

Mr F Rizzo
Director