

Report of Independent Accountant

To the Management of Start Commercial Ltd.:

We have examined the [assertion](#) by the management of Start Commercial Ltd. (hereafter: "StartCom"), that in providing its SSL Certification Authority ("CA") services at Eilat, Israel, during the period from January 1 through December 31, 2015, StartCom has:

- Disclosed its [Certificate Practice Statement](#) and its commitment to provide SSL Certificates in conformity with the applicable CA/Browser Forum Guidelines, and
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
 - Subscriber information was properly collected, authenticated (for the registration activities performed by the CA and subcontractor) 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.

for the Root CA: "StartCom Certification Authority" and "StartCom Certification Authority G2", based on the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security Version 2.0](#).

StartCom'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 StartCom's key and SSL certificate life cycle management business practices and its controls over key and SSL 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 the 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.

Because of the nature and inherent limitations of controls, StartCom'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 January 1 through December 31, 2015, StartCom management's assertion, as set forth in the first paragraph, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline Requirements with Network Security version 2.0.

The relative effectiveness and significance of specific controls at StartCom 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.

The WebTrust seal of assurance for certification authorities on StartCom's 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 StartCom's CA services beyond those covered by the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security Version 2.0](#), or the suitability of any of StartCom's services for any customer's intended purpose.

March 18, 2016
Tel-Aviv, Israel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Lerner Country A Manager'.

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Start Commercial (StartCom) Limited

StartSSL™ Certificates & Public Key Infrastructure

Eilat, Israel



Assertion by Management of StartCom Regarding its Disclosure of its Certificate Practices and its Controls Over its SSL Certification Authority Services During the Period January 1 through December 31, 2015

March 18, 2016

The Management of Start Commercial Ltd. (hereafter: "StartCom") has assessed the disclosure of its certificate practices and its controls over its SSL CA services. Based on that assessment, in StartCom Management's opinion, in providing its SSL CA services at Eilat, Israel, for the Root CA: "StartCom Certification Authority" and "StartCom Certification Authority G2", during the period from January 1 through December 31, 2015, StartCom has:

- Disclosed its Certificate practices and its commitment to provide SSL Certificates in conformity with the applicable CA/Browser Forum Guidelines, and
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
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 - Subscriber information was properly collected, authenticated (for the registration activities performed by the CA and subcontractor) 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;
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based on the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security Version 2.0.](#)

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