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Dear Sirs

**Report in relation to the WebTrust for Certification Authorities Extended Validation Criteria**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2007 and further to our license to do such work issued to us by the AICPA/CICA, we have examined the assertion by the Directors of Network Solutions LLC (“the Company”) <http://www.networksolutions.com/legal/SSL-legal-repository-ev-cps.jsp> that in providing its Certification Authority (“CA”) services at Herndon, Virginia USA and Manchester, UK, during the period from 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007 through to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007 the Company has:

- Disclosed its EV Certificate life cycle management practices and procedures, including its commitment to provide EV Certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Guidelines, and provided such services in accordance with its disclosed practices, and
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
  - EV Subscriber information was properly collected, authenticated (for the registration activities performed by Network Solutions) and verified, and
  - The integrity of keys and EV certificates it manages is established and protected throughout their life cycles.

based on [WebTrust for Certification Authorities - Extended Validation Audit Criteria](#).

The Directors of the Company have sole responsibility for their assertion. Our responsibility under the terms of our engagement letter is to form an opinion on management’s assertion, on the basis of the work performed, and report our opinion.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), and accordingly, included (1) obtaining an understanding of Network Solutions EV certificate life cycle management



practices and procedures, including its relevant controls over the issuance, renewal and revocation of EV certificates; (2) selectively testing transactions executed in accordance with disclosed EV certificate life cycle management 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.

In our opinion for the period 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007 through to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007, the Company's Directors' assertion, as set forth in the first paragraph, is fairly stated in all material respects, based on the WebTrust for Certification Authorities - Extended Validation Audit Criteria.

Because of inherent limitations in controls, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Furthermore, the projection of any conclusions, based on our findings, to future periods is subject to the risk that (1) changes made to the system or controls, (2) changes in processing requirements, (3) changes required because of the passage of time, or (4) degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may alter the validity of such conclusions.

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.

This report does not include any representation as to the quality of Network Solutions services beyond those covered by the WebTrust for Certification Authorities EV Criteria, nor the suitability of any of Network Solutions services for any customer's intended purpose.

Network Solutions use of the WebTrust for EV Seal 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.

Yours faithfully

**KPMG LLP**  
3 December, 2007

## NetworkSolutions®

### Assertion of the Directors as to its Disclosure of its Business Practices and its Controls Over its Extended Validation Certification Authority Operations

03 December, 2007

Network Solutions LLC (Network Solutions) provides Extended Validation Certification Authority (EV-CA) services (collectively referred to as the "Network Solutions and Network Solutions EV-CAs").

Management has assessed the practices, procedures and controls over its Network Solutions EV-CA services, located at Herndon, Virginia USA and Manchester, UK. Based on that assessment, in Network Solutions Management's opinion, in developing its EV-CA services at Herndon, Virginia USA and Manchester, UK, during the period from August 27 2007 to October 29 2007, Network Solutions has:

- Disclosed its EV Certificate life cycle management practices and procedures, including its commitment to provide EV Certificates in conformity with the CA/Browser Forum Guidelines, and provided such services in accordance with its disclosed practices.
- Maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that:
  - EV Subscriber information was properly collected, authenticated (for the registration activities performed by Network Solutions-CA) and verified, and
  - The integrity of keys and EV certificates it manages is established and protected throughout their life cycles.

in accordance with the WebTrust for Certification Authorities Extended Validation Audit Criteria.

  
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