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## Independent Assurance Report

To the Management of Law Trusted Third Party Services (Pty) Ltd ("LAWtrust-CA").

### Scope

We have been engaged, in a reasonable assurance engagement, to report on the LAWtrust-CA's [management assertion](#) that for its Certification Authority ("CA") operations at Altron Head Office Woodmead, Primary Data Site (Johannesburg, South Africa) and DR Data Site (Pretoria, South Africa), throughout the period 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 for its CA's as enumerated in [Appendix A](#), LAWtrust-CA has:

- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that it meets the Network and Certificate System Security Requirements as set forth by the CA/Browser Forum

in accordance with the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Network Security v1.7](#).

### Certification authority's responsibilities

LAWtrust-CA's management is responsible for its assertion, including the fairness of its presentation, and the provision of its described services in accordance with the WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Network Security v1.7.

### Our independence and quality management

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the *Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors* issued by the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA Code), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour. The IRBA Code is consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)*.

The firm applies International Standard on Quality Management (ISQM) 1, *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements* and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

### Practitioner's responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion based on our procedures. We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised), *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

KPMG Incorporated, a South African company with registration number 1999/021543/21 and a member firm of the KPMG global organisation of independent member firms affiliated with KPMG International Limited, a private English company limited by guarantee.

KPMG Incorporated is a Registered Auditor, in public practice, in terms of the Auditing Profession Act 26 of 2005.

Registration number 1999/021543/2

Chairman: Prof W Nkuhlu

Chief Executive Officer: I Sehoole

Directors: Full list on website

The company's principal place of business is at KPMG Crescent, 85 Empire Road, Parktown.



This standard requires that we plan and perform our procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether, in all material respects, management's assertion is fairly stated, and, accordingly, included:

1. obtaining an understanding of LAWtrust-CA's network and certificate system security to meet the requirements set forth by the CA/Browser Forum;
2. testing and evaluating the operating effectiveness of the controls; and
3. performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

### **Relative effectiveness of controls**

The relative effectiveness and significance of specific controls at LAWtrust-CA 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.

### **Inherent limitations**

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention of controls. For example, because of their nature, controls may not prevent, or detect unauthorised access to systems and information, or failure to comply with internal and external policies or requirements. Also, the projection to the future of any conclusions based on our findings is subject to the risk that controls may become ineffective.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, throughout the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, LAWtrust-CA management's assertion, as referred to above, is fairly stated in all material respects, in accordance with WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Network Security v1.7.

This report does not include any representation as to the quality of LAWtrust-CA's services beyond those covered by the WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Network Security v1.7, nor the suitability of any of LAWtrust-CA's services for any customer's intended purpose.

### **Restriction on use**

This report is for the purpose of providing information to Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) Canada solely in connection with the certification of the WebTrust seal and may not be suitable for any other purpose.



### **Use of the WebTrust seal**

LAWTrust-CA's use of the WebTrust for Certification Authorities – Network Security 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

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**KPMG Inc.**  
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### **KPMG Inc.**

Per Devon C Duffield  
Chartered Accountant (SA)  
Registered Auditor  
Director

20 March 2025



## Appendix A – In Scope CAs

CA Distinguished Name	SHA1 Fingerprint	SHA256 Fingerprint
<b>CN = LAWtrust Root CA2 (4096)</b> O = LAWtrust C = ZA	eca2d530a9ab2c7d0e7561644e0ae016a154387d	48e1cf9e43b688a51044160f46d773b8277fe45beaad0e4df90d1974382fea99
<b>CN = LAWtrust AUTH CA01</b> O = LAWtrust C = ZA	5cc164d10b9fd02498caf95dd26241292a6e62fe	5693c8e01ec5442677a6c8be5a0b6079b891d8c9e58e260c65037d5ab2088926
<b>CN = LAWtrust SIGNING CA01</b> OU = organization identifier (4570229049) O = LAW Trusted Third Party Services PTY Ltd. E = info@lawtrust.co.za L = Centurion S = Gauteng C = ZA	f14324f24a7e6526ae78d5e52d191ef9f08e5e5a	167312e4fca805270cebc11b1710fb30871b860829753d20995f588de9a5a90c
<b>CN = LAWtrust Secure CA01</b> O = LAWtrust C = ZA	077e11409cf01327f79fdf4d99d5168b684a0854	0946be0774bf32ac7b0e2e9abe20d9f44152f4ef19611c5fb779adc5a9a5e2f0



## LAWTRUST-CA MANAGEMENT'S ASSERTION

LAWtrust Certificate Authority ("LAWtrust-CA") operates the Certification Authority (CA) services known as enumerated in [Appendix A](#), and provides non-SSL CA services.

The Management of LAWtrust-CA is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective controls over its non-SSL CA operations, including its network and certificate security system controls. These controls contain monitoring mechanisms, and actions are taken to correct deficiencies identified.

There are inherent limitations in any controls, including the possibility of human error, and the circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even effective controls can only provide reasonable assurance with respect to LAWtrust-CA's Certification Authority operations. Furthermore, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of controls may vary over time.

LAWtrust-CA management has assessed its controls over its CA services. Based on that assessment, in providing its non-SSL Certification Authority (CA) services at Altron Head Office Woodmead, Primary Data Site (Johannesburg, South Africa) and DR Data Site (Pretoria, South Africa), throughout the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, LAWtrust CA has:

- maintained effective controls to provide reasonable assurance that it meets the Network and Certificate System Security Requirements as set forth by the CA/Browser Forum.

in accordance with the [WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities – Network Security v1.7](#).

Yours Truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Schoeman", with a horizontal line underneath.

Rian Schoeman  
Managing Executive  
20 March 2025

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<b>CN = LAWtrust AUTH CA01</b> O = LAWtrust C = ZA	5cc164d10b9fd02498caf 95dd26241 292a6e62fe	5693c8e01ec5442677a6 c8be5a0b6079b891d8c9 e58e260c65037d5ab208 8926
<b>CN = LAWtrust SIGNING CA01</b> OU = organization identifier (4570229049) O = LAW Trusted Third Party Services PTY Ltd. E = info@lawtrust.co.za L = Centurion S = Gauteng C = ZA	f14324f24a7e6526ae78d 5e52d191ef9f08e5e5a	167312e4fca805270ceb c11b1710fb30871b8608 29753d20995f588de9a5 a90c
<b>CN = LAWtrust Secure CA01</b> O = LAWtrust C = ZA	077e11409cf01327f79fdf 4d99d5168b684a0854	0946be0774bf32ac7b0e 2e9abe20d9f44152f4ef1 9611c5fb779adc5a9a5e 2f0