

Order Number: [Order Number]
Common Name: [Common Name]

Dear Thawte Customer,

Thawte is unable to verify the order details you have provided in our currently available public resources. To continue processing your Extended Validation certificate for Organization Name, Thawte needs to receive a professional opinion letter from your legal counsel or an independent professional accountant.

The opinion letter template and instructions are provided for your convenience below the dotted line. Please have your legal counsel or an independent professional accountant return the letter to Thawte Extended Validation Customer Support by email.

Once the opinion letter is submitted, Thawte will contact the legal/accounting board/association that issued your legal counsel or independent professional accountant's license to verify their professional standing. Using the contact information they have on record, Thawte will then contact them to confirm the accuracy of the opinion.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Thank you,
Thawte Customer Support
<http://www.thawte.com/support/>

Check Order Status:

To view the current status of your order, visit <https://www.thawte.com/status/>

Note: If your order was placed through a reseller (indicated by a 7 digit order number above), use the following URL to access your order status via the User

Portal: <https://products.thawte.com/orders/orderinformation/authentication.do>

Europe, Middle East, and Africa:

Telephone: +353 1 850 2640

Chat: http://www.thawte.com/chat/chat_cs_international.html

E-mail: emeasupport@thawte.com

Americas:

Telephone: 1-866-239-4520 or 1-650-426-7400 option 1

Chat: http://www.thawte.com/chat/chat_cs_us.html

E-mail: cs-ev@thawte.com

Australia and Asia Pacific:

Telephone: +61 3 9914 5641

Chat: http://www.thawte.com/chat/chat_cs_international.html

E-mail: evapacsupport@thawte.com

Contact Details

<http://www.thawte.com/about/contact/index.html>

Dear Legal/Accounting Practitioner,

You have been asked by your client to provide a legal opinion to aid them in obtaining a Thawte Extended Validation SSL Digital Certificate. The Extended Validation (EV) SSL Certificate standard is intended to provide an improved level of authentication of entities that request digital certificates for securing transactions on their Web sites. A new vetting format, which all issuing Certification Authorities (CAs)

must comply with, ensures a uniform standard for certificate issuance. This means that all CAs must adhere to the same high security standards when processing certificate requests.

Because of the heightened assurance level of this product, Thawte must take added steps, as detailed in the current version of the industry standard CA/Browser Forum EV SSL Certificate guidelines: <http://www.cabforum.org/documents.html>

The legal opinion can be used to verify any or all of the following items:

- Address of the place of business
- Assumed name of client
- Telephone number at place of business
- Exclusive right to use a domain name
- The name, title, authority, and agency of organizational contact
- Parent/Subsidiary Relationships [Majority Ownership: A subsidiary company can also be confirmed by proof of majority ownership (51% stake or higher) by another company]

The information above must be verified by yourself. The Guidelines allow lawyers/accountants to include customary limitations and disclaimers for opinion letters in their jurisdiction, "provided that the scope of the disclaimed responsibility is not so great as to eliminate any substantial risk (financial, professional, and/or reputational) to you should the legal opinion prove to be erroneous." An example of such disclaimer language that Thawte could not accept, other than for the authorization of the Organizational Contact is, "We have assumed the accuracy of the oral or written statements and other information of public officials, and officers and representatives of our Client, without having made independent investigation of factual matters". Any such disclaimers of investigation and/or your knowledge of facts could nullify the opinion. Once the opinion letter is submitted, Thawte will contact the legal/accounting board/association that issued your license to verify your professional standing. Using the contact information they have on record, Thawte will then contact you to confirm the accuracy of the opinion.

Should you have any questions, contact Thawte Customer Support using the contact information in the email signature.

-----PLEASE PRINT PROFESSIONAL OPINION BELOW -----

Professional Opinion

To: Thawte, Inc.
Email: cs-ev@thawte.com

[Must be sent by email attachment]

Re: EV Certificate Order Number: [Order Number]
Client: ‹Exact Organization Name of Client¹›: [Organization Name]
Organizational Contact: ‹Exact name of Organizational Contact who signed the Acknowledgement of Agreement› [Organizational Contact]

Instructions for completion of Opinion

1. This opinion may be completed by either:

- (a) Applicant's legal counsel (or an in-house legal counsel employed by the Applicant), who must be properly registered with the appropriate authorizing agency in the country of the Applicant's Jurisdiction of Incorporation or any jurisdiction where the Applicant maintains an office or physical facility
- (b) An independent professional accountant retained by and representing the Applicant (or an in-house professional accountant employed by the Applicant), who is a certified public accountant, chartered accountant, or equivalent licensed by a full member of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) to practice accounting in the country of the Applicant's Jurisdiction of Incorporation or any jurisdiction

where the Applicant maintains an office or physical facility 2. If you are unable to attest to any fact below, you may indicate so by striking a line through the relevant section.
3. Thawte will contact you to verify your legal opinion.

----- BEGIN PROFESSIONAL OPINION LETTER -----

To Thawte, Inc.:

I represent the Organization ('Client') that has submitted the EV certificate order ('EV Certificate Order Number') referenced above. I have been asked by my Client to present you with my opinion as stated in this letter. My opinion below is based on my familiarity with the relevant facts and the exercise of my professional judgment and expertise.

[Optional: Insert customary preliminary matters for opinion letters in your jurisdiction.]

On this basis, I hereby offer the following opinion:

1. Organizational Contact [name of Organizational Contact] is employed by my client as _____ [enter job title], and has the necessary authority to act on behalf of my Client to:

(a) Provide the information about my Client's organization that is required for issuance of the EV Certificates as referenced above

(b) Request one or more EV Certificates and to designate other persons to request EV Certificates

(c) Agree to the relevant contractual obligations contained in the Thawte SSL Certificate Subscriber Agreement. A copy of the agreement is available at <http://www.thawte.com/repository/index.html>.

(d) Confirm ownership of domain(s) to be included in any EV Certificate order

2. My client has a physical presence and its principal place of business at the following location:

Address : _____

City : _____

State : _____

ZIP/Postal Code : _____

Country: _____

Telephone [Area Code] _____ [Number] _____

3. Client conducts business under the assumed name(s) _____. The business name(s) is active and registered with _____ [registration agency where assumed name is filed].

4. Client owns or has lawful right to use the domain name _____ [Domain(s) included in EV request] in identifying itself on the Internet.

5. Client has an active current Demand Deposit Account² with _____ [name of institution], a regulated financial institution.

6. Client is the Parent Company that directly or indirectly controls or has under its common control the following organization(s) which I testify is/are my Client's majority-owned Subsidiary/ies:
_____ [insert name(s) of subsidiary company/ies].

[OR]

I testify that my Client is, directly or indirectly, controlled by or is under common control of Parent Company _____ [insert name of parent company] as a majority-owned Subsidiary of _____ [insert name of parent company].

[Optional: Insert customary limitations and disclaimers for opinion letters in your jurisdiction.]

Name: _____

License Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Professional Capacity (check one): () Lawyer () Accountant

Contact information for the authorizing agency where Thawte may verify your authority to practice(e.g. a bar association or a board of accountancy):

¹ This must be the Client's exact corporate name, as registered with the relevant Incorporating Agency in the Client's Jurisdiction of Incorporation. This is the name that will be included in the EV Certificate.

² Demand Deposit Account: a deposit account held at a bank or other financial institution, the funds deposited in which are payable on demand. The primary purpose of demand accounts is to facilitate cashless payments by means of check, bank draft, direct debit, electronic funds transfer, etc. Usage varies among countries, but a demand deposit account is commonly known as: a checking account, a share draft account, or a current account

----- END PROFESSIONAL OPINION LETTER -----