Security Sub-Committee (SSC) Meeting Headlines

27 March 2019, 10:00 – 16:10, Gemserv Office, 8 Fenchurch Place, London, EC3M 4AJ

SSC_74_2703 – SSC Meeting Headlines

1.   Matters Arising

Updates were noted on the following Matters Arising;

- The SSC **NOTED** the amendments made in relation to the DCC On-Boarding process whereby certain onboarding steps can take place, prior to the SSC final approval of a Director's Letter and in advance of going Live with the DCC to streamline the process and reduce the time for Users. (**AMBER**)

- The SSC were provided with an update in relation to SMETS1 Device Assurance whereby it was agreed with BEIS to conclude the work undertaken by PA Consulting. (**RED**)

- The SSC **NOTED** the update in relation to CPL Signing that was previously raised as part of an AOB item which has since been resolved and corrected. (**RED**)

- The SSC **NOTED** the update in relation to Other User 'L' with clarification being provided of their Other User Role. (**RED**)

- A status update of Large Supplier 'E's Remediation plan was provided to the SSC which noted the remedial work still in-progress. (**RED**)

- The SSC **NOTED** the BEIS Consultation on SMETS1 Pending Product Combinations List and Cryptographic Processing, which closes on the 16 April 2019.

- The SSC **NOTED** the Director's Letter provided by Small Supplier 'BI'. (**RED**)

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2. Minutes and Actions Outstanding

The SSC noted that no comments were received for the Draft Minutes and Confidential Minutes from the SSC meeting held on Wednesday, 13 March 2019, and the SSC **APPROVED** the Draft Minutes and Confidential Minutes as written.

The SSC also **APPROVED** the confidential minutes from the SSC meeting held on Wednesday 27 February 2019 as modified.

All outstanding actions were marked as complete or on target for completion, with several updates provided under separate meeting agenda items.

3. Full User Security Assessment – Small Supplier 'CC' (RED)

The SSC considered Small Supplier 'CC's Full User Security Assessment. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **AGREED** the Assurance Status for Small Supplier 'CC'.

4. Verification User Security Assessment – Small Supplier 'Q' (RED)

The SSC considered Small Supplier 'Q's Verification User Security Assessment. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **AGREED** the Compliance Status for Small Supplier 'Q'.

5. Verification User Security Assessment – Small Supplier 'AP' (RED)

The SSC considered Small Supplier 'AP's Verification User Security Assessment. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **AGREED** the Compliance Status for Small Supplier 'AP'.

6. Verification User Security Assessment – Small Supplier 'AO' (RED)

The SSC considered Small Supplier 'AO's Verification User Security Assessment. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **AGREED** the Compliance Status for Small Supplier 'AO'.

7. Director's Letter – Small Supplier 'X' (RED)

The SSC considered Small Supplier 'X's Director's Letter. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **APPROVED** the Director's Letter for Small Supplier 'X'.

8. SMETS1 (Appropriate Standards) (AMBER)

An update was provided to the SSC in order to develop guidance for Users and the User CIO on how to interpret the SEC obligations in SEC G3.26, G3.27 and G3.28 in respect of the application of an 'Appropriate Standard' of security to be applied to SMETS1 Smart Metering Systems. The SSC are currently developing guidance to be published in the SCF following review by SSC on 10th April 2019, as well as a further guidance document on SMETS1 Device Assurance which will in turn be published to the SEC Website.

The SSC **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** the several recommendations which have been marked as **AMBER** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

9. Timing of Third and Subsequent Assessments (AMBER)

Due to time constraints, this agenda item has been deferred to the next SSC meeting scheduled for Wednesday 10 April 2019.

10. Alt HAN Co (AMBER)

Alt HAN Co Representatives provided an update in relation to the Programme Delivery, Design walkthrough, Testing Strategy, Assurance approach and Risk approach. It was advised that whilst Alt HAN are currently delivering technological solutions and supporting infrastructure into a complex and technically demanding environment, they are continuing to meet the required deliverables set.

The Agenda Item was marked as **AMBER** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

11. SOC2 Final Report (RED)

The DCC confirmed that the SOC2 Final Report has not yet been received, therefore an update on findings will be presented at the next SSC meeting on 10 April 2019.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

12. SECMP0013 Meter Triage (GREEN)

The SSC discussed the business requirement for SECMP0013 'Smart meter device diagnostics and triage'. The TABASC Chair and DCC representatives are working together to develop use cases of when meter resets need to take place. The Agenda Item was marked as **GREEN** and therefore recorded in the Draft Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

13. SMETS1 Threshold Anomaly Detection (RED)

The DCC provided the SSC with an update on SMETS1 Threshold Anomaly Detection. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

The SSC **NOTED** the update.

14. CPA Matters

Sign off Security Characteristics

The SSC **NOTED** the update in relation to the Security Characteristics document V1.3 which is being finalised by NCSC following comments from industry. SSC agreed to seek the views of the relevant trade bodies to consult on an implementation date for V1.3 of the Security Characteristics.

Communications Hub JTAG Tracking

The SSC **NOTED** the update in relation to Communications Hub JTAG Tracking. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

CPA Qualification

The SSC **NOTED** the update regarding the extension of the CPA Certification from a Device manufacturer. The Agenda Item was marked as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Minutes.

15. Standing Agenda Items (RED)

The SSC were provided with updates on the following standing agenda items:

- CPA monitoring of 'conditional' CPA Certificates; **(RED)**.
- Anomaly Detection Update;
- Shared Resource Notifications; and
- Security Incident and Vulnerabilities. **(RED)**

16. Any Other Business (AOB)

One confidential item of AOB was raised by BEIS in relation to the NIS Directive, and therefore recorded as **RED** in the Confidential Minutes.

No additional items of business were raised, and the Chair closed the meeting.

Next Meeting: 10 April 2019