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## LANCE J. JOHNSON NAMED NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL

—Payment Security Expert Brings Decades of Experience to PCI SSC—

**WAKEFIELD, Mass., 19 December 2017** – The PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) announced today that Lance J. Johnson has been named Executive Director for the PCI SSC effective January 2018. As Executive Director, Johnson will drive the organization’s strategy and oversee the PCI SSC senior leadership team and staff in implementing it.

Johnson comes to the PCI SSC from Sequent Software, Inc. where he served as Chief Operating Officer. Prior to Sequent, Johnson spent more than twenty years at Visa Inc., as a senior leader directing Visa’s efforts in global risk management and security, fraud detection and control, and global payment data and device security.

“We are excited to welcome Lance Johnson as our new Executive Director,” said Karen Czack, Chair of the PCI SSC Executive Committee. “Lance is a proven leader who has the unique background of both creating and implementing PCI Security Standards. Lance is familiar with the Council, having previously served on its Executive Committee and brings payment security subject matter expertise and a proven track record of developing strategy and driving results.”

“I am excited and deeply humbled to be leading the PCI SSC,” said Johnson. “The PCI Security Standards are recognized around the globe as the gold standard for securing payment card data. As new payment platforms are developed and adopted at a remarkable rate, it is more important than ever that payment security standards keep pace. The opportunities that lie ahead for the PCI Council are enormous, and I look forward to leading this next chapter in payment security standards development.”

“Lance is a top notch pick to lead the PCI SSC,” said Gina Gobeyn, incoming Chair of the PCI SSC Executive Committee. “Lance has tremendous experience in the payment security space. His knowledge and leadership in emerging payments will be a tremendous asset in the development of the strategic vision of the PCI Council as we look to the future of payment security.”

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