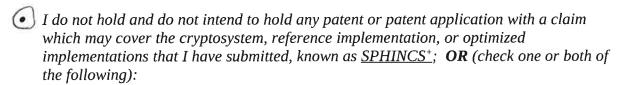
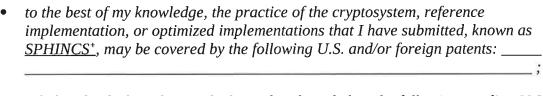
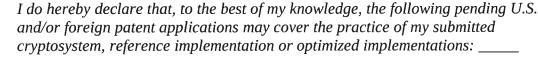
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Signed: D.J. Geneter
Title: Research Professor
Date: 14 March 2018
Place: Eindhoun

I, Christoph Dobraunig, IAIK - Graz - University Of Technology, Inffeldgasse 16a, A-8010 Graz, declare that the cryptosystem, reference implementation, or optimized implementations that I have submitted, known as <u>SPHINCS</u>⁺, is my own original work, or if submitted jointly with others, is the original work of the joint submitters.

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Date: 29. November 2017 Place: Graz, Austria

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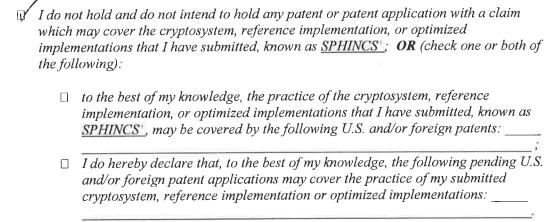
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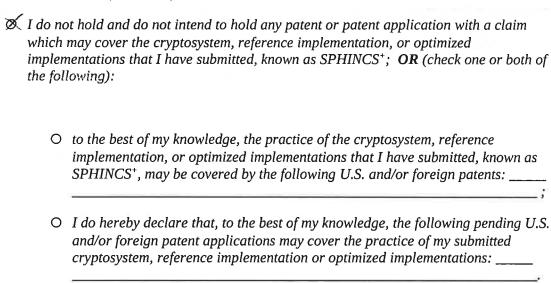
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Signed: Authoritide: Mr Seoth Fluhrer
Date: Massacuse Hs, VSA
Place: 11/28/17

I, Stefan-Lukas Dominik Gazdag, of genua GmbH (Domagkstr. 7, 85551 Kirchheim b. München, Germany), do hereby declare that the cryptosystem, reference implementation, or optimized implementations that I have submitted, known as SPHINCS⁺, is my own original work, or if submitted jointly with others, is the original work of the joint submitters.

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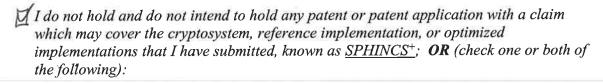
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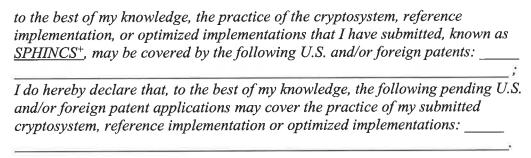
26th Nov. 2017 Date:

Place: Kirchheim b. München, Germany

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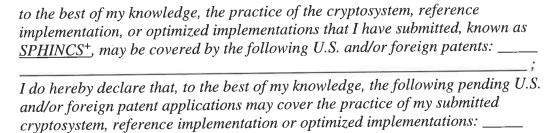
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Signed: A. A. Thomas Hulsing, Postdoc Title: Dr. Andrews Thomas Hulsing, Postdoc Date: November 23, 2017 Place: Eindhoven, The Nethelands

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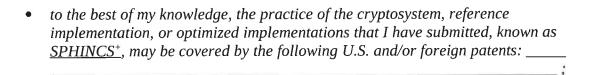
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Place: RTP, NC, USA

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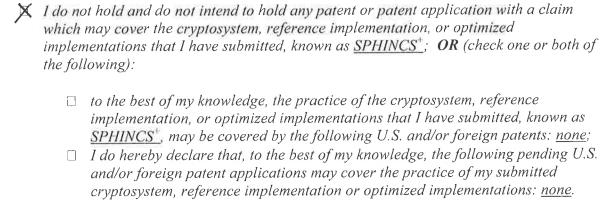
Signed: M. Muri Date: 23. November 2017

Place: Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark

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Date: 14 March 2018 Place: Emolhoron
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I, <u>Martin Mehl Lauridsen</u>, of <u>Carl Jacobsens Vej 17M</u>, 4. th., 2500 <u>Valby</u>, <u>Denmark</u>, do hereby declare that the cryptosystem, reference implementation, or optimized implementations that I have submitted, known as <u>SPHINCS</u>⁺, is my own original work, or if submitted jointly with others, is the original work of the joint submitters.

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Signed: Martin Mehl Lauridsen Title: PhD

Date: November 23, 2017

Place: Copenhagen

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Signed: Florion Mishel

Title:

Date: 29. November 2017

Place: Munich, Germany

I, <u>Ruben Niederhagen</u> of <u>Fraunhofer Institute for Secure Information Technology, Rheinstraße 75, 64295 Darmstadt, Germany</u>, do hereby declare that the cryptosystem, reference implementation, or optimized implementations that I have submitted, known as <u>SPHINCS</u>⁺, is my own original work, or if submitted jointly with others, is the original work of the joint submitters.

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Signed: Title:

Date: November 23, 2017

Place: Darmstadt

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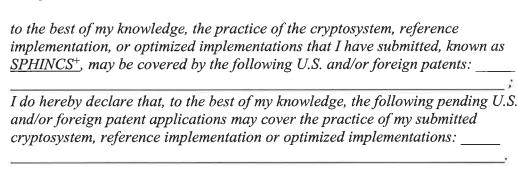
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I, Leendert Cornelis Joost Rijneveld, of Radboud University, Comeniuslaan 4, 6525 HP Nijmegen, The Netherlands, do hereby declare that the cryptosystem, reference implementation, or optimized implementations that I have submitted, known as SPHINCS⁺, is my own original work, or if submitted jointly with others, is the original work of the joint submitters.

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PhD Student

Title:

Date: 23-11-2017

Place:

Eindhoven, the Netherlands

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Signed

Title: Dr. Peker Schwabe, Assistant Prokssor

Date: Nov. 23, 2017

Place: Eindhoven, The Netherlands

The following must also be included:

I, Panos Kampanakis, RTP2H/3, 7025-2 Kit Creek Rd, RTPNC 27709, USA, am the owner or authorized representative of the owner of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations and hereby grant the U.S. Government and any interested party the right to reproduce, prepare derivative works based upon, distribute copies of, and display such implementations for the purposes of the post-quantum algorithm public review and evaluation process, and implementation if the corresponding cryptosystem is selected for standardization and as a standard, notwithstanding that the implementations may be copyrighted or copyrightable.

Title: Panos Kampanakis

Date: 11/28/2017 Place: RTP, NC, USA

The following must also be included:

I, <u>Martin Mehl Lauridsen</u>, <u>Carl Jacobsens Vej 17M</u>, <u>4. th.</u>, <u>2500 Valby</u>, <u>Denmark</u>, am the owner or authorized representative of the owner (print full name, if different than the signer) of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations and hereby grant the U.S. Government and any interested party the right to reproduce, prepare derivative works based upon, distribute copies of, and display such implementations for the purposes of the post-quantum algorithm public review and evaluation process, and implementation if the corresponding cryptosystem is selected for standardization and as a standard, notwithstanding that the implementations may be copyrighted or copyrightable.

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Signed: Martin Mehl Lauridsen

Title: PhD

Date: November 23, 2017 Place: Copenhagen

The following must also be included:

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Title:

Date: 23. November 2017 Place: Kgs. Lyngby, Denmark

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Leendert Cornelis Jost Rigneveld Cornells "hob Student

Date:

Eindhoven, the Netherlands Place:

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Title:

Dr. Pele Schuabe, Assistant Prokssor

Date: 23 Nov. 2017

Place: Findhoven, The Netholands

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Signed:

Title: Jean-Philippe Aumasson

Date: July 31st, 2019

Place: Lausanne, Switzerland

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Signed: Ward Beullens

Title: Dr.

Date: 30/03/2022

Place: Adliswil, Switzerland

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Title: dr. B.E. Westerbaan Date: march 29th, 2022

Place: Nijmegen, The Netherlands

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