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To,

Jt. Hon. President,

The Indian Institute of Architects, Mumbai. Email: iiapublication@gmail.com

Jt. Hon. Secretary,

The Indian Institute of Architects, Mumbai. Email: iiapublication@gmail.com

Subject: Validity of SQTC Certification, referred by you.

Ref: 1) Your email dated 15-01-2024 regarding

Election of five representatives of The Indian Institute of Architects to the Council of Architecture in terms of clause (a), sub-clause (3) under Section of Architect Act, 1972, for tenure (2023-2026), held vide notification dated 29/11/2023.

2) STQC IT/ERTL(W)/ 2023 ITS 07 Dated 23/May/2023

Dear Sir & Madam,

Upon reviewing the SQTC Certification referred by you, we found your response to our request for a forensic audit of election data to be very surprising.

- 1) The Web Application Vulnerability Test Certificate, bearing No STQC IT/ERTL(W)/2023 ITS 07 dated May 23, 2023, has already become null and void based on the conclusions mentioned within the certificate itself. As the test was conducted on May 22nd and 23rd, 2023, preceding the prior IIA National elections, several events have transpired since then. Changes have occurred in both the Voters and Candidates Database, and coding may also have been modified, as many parameters of both elections differ.
- 2) Security hardening is a crucial aspect of ensuring the safety and integrity of a system. It means blocking all open ports, there are 63000+ ports in any online systems. It involves implementing measures to protect a system from unauthorized access, attacks, and potential vulnerabilities.
- 3) In the absence of security hardening, the system could be accessed remotely by a software vendor from anywhere, Hence SQTC or any Vulnerability test should be carried out at last after uploading voters & final eligible candidates database in the system, i.e. on or after the date of publication of final list of eligible candidates.
- 4) The web application is safe to be hosted at the web application is safe to be hosted at <https://nextgen.indianinstituteofarchitects.com> with "Read only permission "
- 5) Regular security vulnerability assessment of the hosting IT infrastructure (servers and network devices) is recommended



Hence, we once again request your approval for a forensic audit of all the data generated from the election process. We are prepared to cover the expenses for an independent forensic audit conducted by a reputable government or private corporate agency.

Our goal is to uphold the principles of fairness and democracy within the association. We anticipate your prompt response and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by,

Ar. Pradeep Kale

Fellow member of The Indian Institute of Architects, (F-11492)

& Candidate from Western Region.

Annexed herewith: Copy of certificate bearing No STQC IT/ERTL(W)/ 2023 ITS 07 Dated 23/May/2023

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