## **Intellectual Property Statement**

I, Isaiah Paul Makwakwa, do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge the M3lcrypt password based key derivation function, as well as the submitted reference implementation, is not covered by any patents or patent applications worldwide.

Further, I do hereby declare that the function is and will remain available on a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free basis irrespective of the outcome of the selection process.

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