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What This Means for the Business

Organizations using Google Cloud and SAIF-informed practices to deploy agentic AI — systems that can invoke tools, hold delegated identity, and take state-changing actions — face a specific gap: SAIF helps identify AI-related risk, but it does not itself establish who is accountable for a control, what evidence proves it operates, how a suspected failure gets classified and investigated, or how response is governed. Left unaddressed, that gap becomes visible at the worst possible time — during an incident, an audit, or a customer security review, when "we assessed the risk" is

not the same claim as "we can show this system operated within its authorized boundary." This report proposes a practical, evidence-bounded method for closing that gap without requiring a new platform, a new vendor relationship, or a claim that either SAIF or ODA3's frameworks certify the other.

The Finding, in Plain Terms

SAIF and ODA3's frameworks can work together, but only if each keeps its own job. SAIF is good at helping technical teams think through what could go wrong with an AI system and where. It does not tell you who owns a control, whether it actually works, or what to do when something goes wrong. GAISSF™ adds accountable ownership and evidence discipline. UAIF™ adds a structured way to record a suspected incident without prematurely calling it a confirmed one. AI-IRF™ governs the response once an incident is underway. PAI-SF™ adds a further layer specifically for AI systems that can affect the physical world — industrial control, robotics, autonomous vehicles, and similar systems. None of these frameworks replaces SAIF, and SAIF does not satisfy any of them on its own.

Governance Recommendation

The Technical Report's central recommendation is to run a bounded, 90-day pilot on one material agentic AI workload — not a broad rollout — using the accountability structure, evidence model, and testing approach it sets out, before making any wider claim about the organization's AI assurance posture. The pilot is explicitly designed to produce evidence of what does and does not work in your specific environment, rather than to produce a compliance checkbox. Board-level oversight should focus on two things: that a named, accountable business owner exists for the pilot system (not just a technical owner), and that no public or customer-facing claim of "SAIF certified" or "GAISSF™ compliant" is made — the Technical Report is explicit that neither framework supports that kind of claim, and Google has not endorsed, sponsored, or validated this approach.

Cost-Contained Adoption Model

The recommended approach is deliberately cost-contained: one workload, 90 days, using existing accountable roles rather than new hires, and using evidence sources many Google Cloud environments already generate (audit logs, identity records, monitoring data) rather than new tooling procurement. The primary cost is staff time from roles the organization should already have identified — a business owner, a system owner, a security-control owner, and an independent reviewer — plus the time to close identified evidence gaps.

Cost Category	Estimated Range	Confidence	Basis / Formula
Internal staff time (90-day pilot, 5 accountable roles, part-time allocation)	[$X – $Y]	Medium	Estimate as (average blended internal rate) × (estimated hours per role per phase, per the Technical Report's five-phase, 90-day plan) — organization-specific; the Technical Report does

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			not itself estimate a dollar figure
Evidence-gap remediation (tooling/configuration changes identified during Phase 2, Days 16–30)	[$X – $Y]	Low	Highly deployment-specific; not estimable until the gap register exists — treat as a placeholder pending pilot Day 30
External independent review (Phase 7, if using outside reviewer)	[$X – $Y]	Medium	Market rate for an independent AI-assurance review of one bounded system scope
Cost of inaction (illustrative, not a Technical Report finding)	Not quantified in this report	N/A	The Technical Report does not estimate the cost of an unaddressed evidence gap; any such figure should be independently developed by risk/finance, not inferred from this brief

This table's cost ranges are illustrative placeholders for your organization to populate — the Technical Report proposes a methodology, not a costed implementation plan, and no inline figures in the Technical Report itself substitute for your own estimation.

Why Autonomous Agents Change the Adoption Decision

An AI assistant that only proposes text is a different risk than an agent that can create a payment, change a production system, send an external communication, modify an access rule, or control a physical device. The Technical Report's accountability model treats "what tools and authority does this system actually have" as the first question, before any framework mapping begins — because the assurance question for an agent is not only whether it produces harmful output, but whether it obtained authority, selected a tool, crossed a threshold, and changed state that it should not have. This is precisely why the recommended pilot begins with a system-boundary and authority record (Days 1–15), not with a framework crosswalk exercise.

Turning Technical Telemetry into Operational Assurance Evidence

Google Cloud environments already generate records — audit logs, Vertex AI records, Security Command Center findings, Chronicle detections, identity and access records — that can contribute to an evidence case. The Technical Report is explicit that none of these are automatically sufficient: a finding is not proof of remediation, a configuration snapshot is not proof of continuous operation, and a policy is not proof of implementation. The practical implication for leadership is that "we have

logging enabled" is not the same claim as "we can reconstruct what this agent did and prove it stayed within its authorized boundary" — the second claim requires the accountability, testing, and evidence-sufficiency discipline the Technical Report sets out, not just the presence of the underlying telemetry.

What Remains Uncertain

The Technical Report is explicit about what it does not establish, and this brief preserves that discipline rather than rounding it up into a stronger claim: there is no Google endorsement of this approach; no official or complete SAIF-to-ODA3 crosswalk exists; no independent field validation of the proposed pilot methodology, test set, or evidence structure has yet been conducted; and the report does not conclude that its proposed methodology will produce equivalent results across sectors, cloud environments, or model providers. The framework domain and control counts cited in the Technical Report's source register should be reconfirmed directly against each framework's live published page immediately before this material is used in any external-facing context, since framework publications are versioned.

Where to Go for Full Detail

The paired Technical Report (ODA3-2026-08-TCR-GAI-001) contains the full evidence model, the complete accountability and RACI structure, the incident and response integration detail, the eight-phase methodology, the full 90-day pilot plan, sector calibration notes for financial services, healthcare, public sector, and critical infrastructure, and the complete Notably Absent record — fourteen sections and eight appendices in total. This brief is a summary for decision-makers, not a substitute for that detail.

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