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Dr. Paul Twomey President Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) 4676 Admiralty Way, Suite 330 Marina del Rey, CA 90292-6601 USA

Dear Dr. Twomey,

This requests that ICANN immediately post Afilias' .INFO contract for public comment as the next step in the approval process.

We believe we must act now to preserve the long term security and stability of the .INFO domain. The original .INFO contract is scheduled to expire in September, 2007, less than 15 months from now. Given the increasing operational challenges of today's Internet, Afilias believes that we must make prudent long term investments soon to meet .INFO's expected needs in 2008 and beyond. However, it is difficult to allocate resources for needs beyond the term of our current contract.

Afilias' .INFO customers are also planning for the future, and we must be able to assure them that they can continue to use, renew and promote their .INFO names with confidence, just as they have in the past. Since .INFO launched in 2001, registrar interest has grown from 50 registrars to over 450, and their registrants now rely on over 3,000,000 .INFO registrations. To meet the dramatic increase in operational demands attendant to this growth, Afilias has consistently made appropriate and prudent investments well ahead of time, ensuring fast, reliable and secure service in .INFO. Further delay in the approval of our contract risks jeopardizing the trust we have built in .INFO and by implication, trust in the domain system itself.

As you know, we have been jointly working on this contract for many months, and believe that it would be imprudent to wait any longer to finalize our agreement. If there is anything additional required of Afilias, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

Hal Lubsen

**Chief Executive Officer**