

February 4, 2010

Mr. Rod Beckstrom, President Mr. Peter Dengate-Thrush, Chairman ICANN 4676 Admiralty Way, Suite 330 Marina Del Ray, California 90292-6601

VIA EMAIL

Re: Intellectual Property Constituency meeting Friday, 26 February 2010

Dear Sirs:

I refer to my letter dated January 21, 2010.

The Intellectual Property Constituency (the "IPC") will hold a face-to-face meeting in New York City on Friday, 26 February 2010, in lieu of holding a face-to-face meeting during the ICANN meeting in Nairobi. After polling our membership, what was already likely to be a low IPC attendance in Nairobi, has become minimal due to security concerns. As we explained in our 21 January letter, we believe that we must hold our meeting in a venue that will achieve the highest level of participation, hence our decision to hold the New York City meeting. We scheduled our meeting both to facilitate participation (either in person or remotely) by ICANN Staff and to permit communication to the community during the Nairobi meeting of any decisions we take. By copy of this letter, I am advising Chuck Gomes, Chair of the GNSO Council, of this decision. While the IPC will not have a face-to-face meeting in Nairobi, we understand that our GNSO Council representatives intend to fully participate remotely.

We reiterate that we did not take this decision lightly. It should not be interpreted as a lack of commitment to the ICANN process. In fact, we will dedicate part of our New York meeting to educating our members about how to maximize their remote participation.

We are currently polling our members to determine if any plan to travel to Nairobi. We hope to have any such members provide a brief presentation of the decisions taken at the New York meeting. However, at this stage, we have not identified any IPC members who will be in Nairobi. We will update ICANN Staff when we are able to identify an IPC representative who will attend the Nairobi meeting.

Lastly, the IPC would like to extend an invitation to the ICANN Board to attend our meeting in New York City. If any Board members are interested, please have them

contact me at <u>jscotteveans@yahoo.com</u> and I will ensure that they are made aware of our agenda and the necessary details to attend in-person or via telephone.

If either of you, or any member of the ICANN Board, wishes to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards.

Very truly yours,

THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CONSTITUENCY

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Cc: ICANN Board of Directors
Chuck Gomes

