



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Re: .WEB Auction

Dear Mr. Scott Hemphill:

Thank you for your letters of 8 August 2016 and 9 September 2016. We note your comments regarding the Nu Dot Co LLC application for .WEB and the ICANN Auction of 27 July 2016. We have posted your letters to the ICANN Correspondence page (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/hemphill-to-atallah-08aug16-en.pdf> and <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/hemphill-to-atallah-09sep16-en.pdf>).

As you were notified via the Customer Portal on 19 August 2016, we placed the .WEB/.WEBS contention set on-hold on 19 August 2016. This was to reflect a pending ICANN Accountability Mechanism initiated by another member in the contention set (*see the Cooperative Engagement and Independent Review Processes Status Update dated 22 August 2016: <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/irp-cep-status-22aug16-en.pdf>*). For more information on statuses of contention sets and the effect that they may have on application processing, please see the Applicant Advisory on application and contention set statuses (<https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/advisories/application-contention-set-14mar14-en>).

As an applicant in the contention set, the primary contact for Afilias's application will be notified of future changes to the contention set status or updates regarding the status of relevant Accountability Mechanisms. We will continue to take Afilias's comments, and other inputs that we have sought, into consideration as we consider this matter.

Thank you for your letters and your continued participation in the New gTLD Program. Please do not hesitate to contact our Global Support Center at globalsupport@icann.org with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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President, Global Domains Division