



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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**VIA EMAIL (arif.ali@dechert.com)**

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Re: Your correspondence of 8 August 2017

Dear Mr. Ali:

Thank you for your communication of 8 August 2017 on behalf of dotgay LLC (dotgay) to the ICANN Board regarding the Community Priority Evaluation (CPE) process review (the Review). I write to address the issues that you raised in your letter.

As ICANN organization previously advised dotgay LLC, among others, the scope of the Review consists of: (1) review of the process by which the ICANN organization interacted with the CPE provider related to the CPE reports issued by the CPE provider; (2) review of the consistency in which the CPE criteria were applied; and (3) review of the research process undertaken by the CPE panels to form their decisions and compilation of the reference materials relied upon by the CPE provider to the extent such reference materials exist for the evaluations which are the subject of pending Requests for Reconsideration. The Review is being conducted in two parallel tracks. The first track focuses on gathering information and materials from the ICANN organization, including interviews and document collection. The second track focuses on gathering information and materials from the CPE provider. (See [CPE Process Review Status Update, dated 2 June 2017](#) (2 June 2017 Status Update).)

ICANN organization further advised dotgay, among others, on 1 September 2017, that the interview process of the CPE provider personnel that had involvement in CPEs has been completed. The evaluator, FTI Consulting Inc.'s (FTI) Global Risk and Investigations Practice (GRIP) and Technology Practice, is also working with the CPE provider to obtain the reference materials for the evaluations that are the subject of pending Reconsideration Requests. The CPE provider has been producing documents on a rolling basis. FTI is currently evaluating whether the CPE provider's production is complete. Once the underlying information and data collection is complete, FTI anticipates that it will be able to inform ICANN of its findings within two

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weeks. (See [CPE Process Review Status Update, dated 1 September 2017](#) (1 September 2017 Status Update).)

The Board recognizes the desire by many to conclude this Review and proceed with the process. The ICANN Board also looks forward to concluding the Review and proceeding as appropriate.

Once the Review is completed, the Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee (BAMC) and Board will resume consideration of Reconsideration Request 16-3, and will take into consideration all relevant materials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Disspain", with a long, sweeping underline.

Chris Disspain  
Chair, ICANN Board Governance Committee