

# The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

15 August 2014

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#### RE: NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF ACCREDITATION AGREEMENT

Dear Mr. Anand,

Please be advised that as of 15 August 2014, IPNIC, Inc.'s ("IPNIC") Registrar Accreditation Agreement ("RAA") with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") dated 7 December 2009 ("RAA") is terminated pursuant to Section 5.3.4 of the RAA. The termination shall become effective 12 September 2014, 28 days from the date of this notice.

The termination is due to IPNIC's failure to timely cure the breaches by 22 July 2014 as set forth in ICANN's notice of breach of RAA dated 30 June 2014. As of 15 August 2014, the following breaches remains:

- 1. Failure to escrow gTLD registration data, as required by Section 3.6 of the RAA.
- 2. Failure to notify ICANN of a change to its contact information, as required by Section 5.11 of the RAA; and
- 3. Failure to timely pay past due accreditation fees in the amount of \$9,849.86, as required by Section 3.9 of the RAA.

Please see the chronology below for additional details.

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IPNIC is further advised that the Logo License Appendix to the RAA is revoked as of 12 September 2014. Please remove all ICANN trademarks, name and logo from IPNIC's website and business materials that have been licensed to IPNIC under the terms of that appendix by 12 September 2014.

## **Domain Name Transition Process:**

To protect domain name registrants, ICANN will commence the domain name transition process and will solicit bids for a qualified ICANN-accredited registrar to manage the domain names currently managed by IPNIC.

ICANN will follow the <u>De-Accredited Registrar Transition Procedure</u> ("Procedure"). Consistent with the Procedure, please designate a bulk transfer recipient by 22 August 2014 and inform ICANN's Registrar Liaison Team at <u>RegTransition@icann.org</u>.

ICANN reserves all of its rights under the RAA. Please note the rights and obligations required to have effect after the expiration of the RAA, including but not limited to, Sections 3.4 Retention of Registered Name Holder and Registration Data, 3.9 Accreditation Fees, 5.6 Resolution of Disputes Under this Agreement and 5.7 Limitations on Monetary Remedies for Violations of this Agreement.

IPNIC currently has past due accreditation fees in the amount of \$9,849.86. These fees are required to be paid to ICANN by Section 3.9 RAA. Please immediately submit payment to ICANN Accounting.

If you have questions or require assistance, please contact Owen Smigelski at <a href="mailto:owen.smigelski@icann.org">owen.smigelski@icann.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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**Contractual Compliance** 

Cc: John O. Jeffrey, General Counsel and Secretary



# Chronology:

Date of Notice	Deadline for Response	Details
21-Apr-2014	28-Apr-2014	ICANN sent 1st compliance notice via email to <a href="mailto:girish@siteuncle.com">girish@siteuncle.com</a> . No response received from Registrar.
6-May-2014	13-May-2014	ICANN sent 2nd compliance notice via email to <a href="mailto:girish@siteuncle.com">girish@siteuncle.com</a> . No response received from Registrar.
9-May-2014	N/A	ICANN called Primary Contact ("PC") at +1 570 491 2959. Answered by representative who indicated PC was hospitalized and based in India. ICANN asked if someone else could discuss data escrow deposits. Representative replied, "No." ICANN called Public Contact in RADAR at: +1 570 491 2959. Former PC responded stating that the registrar was sold and he was no longer associated with registrar.
13-May-2014	N/A	ICANN called PC's mobile listed in RADAR at: +1 914 384 7412. Former PC answered. ICANN called alternate number provided by former PC (in another ticket) +91-8745047067. Phone rang then played music before disconnecting. No option to leave a message.
27-May-2014	3-Jun-2014	ICANN sent 3rd compliance notice via email to <a href="mailto:girish@siteuncle.com">girish@siteuncle.com</a> . No response received from Registrar.
27-May-2014	N/A	The 3rd compliance notice was faxed to +1 570 491 2959. Fax was unsuccessful.
27-May-2014	N/A	ICANN called PC at +91-8745047067. Answered by voice recording, "The number you are calling is either switched off or not reachable at the moment. Please try later." No option to leave a message.



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27-May-2014	N/A	ICANN sent 3rd compliance notice via email to <a href="mailto:gjsna2008@gmail.com">gjsna2008@gmail.com</a> (an alternate email address provided by former PC). No response received from Registrar.
3-Jun-2014	N/A	ICANN called PC at +91-8745047067. Phone rang then played music before disconnecting. No option to leave a message.
5-Jun-2014	N/A	A copy of the 3rd compliance notice was faxed to Data Escrow Contact in RADAR at +1 570 491 4868. Fax unsuccessful.
5-Jun-2014	N/A	ICANN conducted compliance check to determine other areas of noncompliance.
6-Jun-2014	N/A	ICANN sent Registrar Primary Contact Update Form via email to <a href="mailto:girish@siteuncle.com">girish@siteuncle.com</a> and <a href="mailto:gisha2008@gmail.com">gisha2008@gmail.com</a> . ICANN also advised Registrar to deposit its registration data immediately.
6-Jun-2014	N/A	Email from Registrar (girish@siteuncle.com) requesting an extension until 15 June 2014 to deposit registration data due to recovery of illness.
6-June-2014	N/A	ICANN responded via email to <a href="mailto:girish@siteuncle.com">girish@siteuncle.com</a> and <a href="mailto:gisna2008@gmail.com">gisna2008@gmail.com</a> confirming receipt of request, advising Registrar to complete the attached Registrar Primary Contact Form, and that ICANN will respond soon regarding extension request.
9-June-2014	16-Jun-2014	ICANN sent a follow-up notice via email to <a href="mailto:girish@siteuncle.com">girish@siteuncle.com</a> and <a href="mailto:gisha2008@gmail.com">gisha2008@gmail.com</a> advising Registrar of due date extension until 16 June 2014 and requesting that Registrar complete Primary Contact Form. ICANN advised registrar that failure to respond by 16 June 2014 will result in a notice of breach.



Date of Notice	Deadline for Response	Details
19-Jun-2014	N/A	ICANN conducted compliance check for other areas of noncompliance.
30-Jun-2014	22-Jul-2014	No response received from Registrar and issue unresolved. ICANN issues Notice of Breach to Registrar.
24-Jul-2014	N/A	Email received from Registrar requesting an extension; no proposed deadline or actions taken to address issues in notice of breach.