RE: NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF REGISTRAR’S ABILITY TO CREATE NEW REGISTERED NAMES OR INITIATE INBOUND TRANSFERS OF REGISTERED NAMES

Dear Mr. Moran,

This notice is sent to Black Ice Domains, Inc. (“Black Ice”) further to its Registrar Accreditation Agreement (“RAA”) with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”) dated 18 January 2011 (“RAA”).

Pursuant to Section 5.3.4 of the RAA, Black Ice failed to cure breaches of the RAA within 15 working days after ICANN issued Black Ice a notice of breach on 3 September 2014. Additionally, pursuant to Section 2.1 of the RAA, Black Ice has been in fundamental and material breach of its obligations under the RAA at least three (3) times within a twelve (12) month period; on 5 February 2014, 3 September 2014 and 4 December 2014. Black Ice’s ability to create new Registered Names or initiate inbound transfers of Registered Names is suspended for 90 days pursuant to Section 2.1 of the RAA.

The suspension is effective 19 December 2014 at 00:00 UTC and will conclude on 18 March 2015 at 00:00 UTC, or longer if Black Ice has not demonstrated compliance on or before 11 March 2015. Consistent with Section 2.1 of the RAA, during the suspension period, Black Ice must not:

1. Create new Registered Names for any Top Level Domain (“TLD”); or
2. Initiate or accept inbound transfers of Registered Names for any TLD.

To demonstrate compliance, Black Ice must timely cure all the breaches identified in the notices of breach dated 3 September 2014 and 4 December 2014 and provide the following to ICANN:

1. Provide ICANN with corrective and preventative action(s), including implementation dates and milestones, to ensure that Black Ice will timely respond to ICANN inquiries; and

2. Timely pay all accreditation fees;

Failure to demonstrate compliance by 11 March 2015 may result in RAA termination and an extension to Black Ice’s suspension pending final termination.

Notice on Black Ice’s Website

During the suspension period, Black Ice must prominently display the following on its website on all pages where Registrar Services, as defined by the RAA, are offered:

No new registrations or inbound transfers will be accepted from 19 December 2014 through 18 March 2015.

If you have questions or require assistance, please contact Owen Smigelski at owen.smigelski@icann.org.

Sincerely,

Maguy Serad
Vice President
Contractual Compliance

Cc: John O. Jeffrey, General Counsel and Secretary