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Mr. Ralf Ganser
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Dear Mr. Ralf Ganser:

Thank you for the letter dated 11 December 2013. We appreciate that you took the time to write to us, and we have posted your letter to the New gTLD correspondence page (<http://www.icann.org/en/news/correspondence/ganser-to-crocker-11dec13-en.pdf>).

We respectfully acknowledge your support of dotBERLIN GmbH & Co. KG's proposed registration program, and your request that we ensure that dotBERLIN GmbH & Co. KG can meet the commitments made to the City and State of Berlin.

The rights protection mechanisms of the New gTLD Program were developed through ICANN's multi-stakeholder process and agreed upon by the ICANN community, and allow for flexibility by the registry so long as the minimum requirements are met. While considering requests from individual registries for specialized TLD launch programs, avoiding adverse impact on the intellectual property rights of third parties is a key part of the analysis. As we receive requests for Approved Launch Programs, we continue to work with the requestors and keep them apprised on the status of their requests.

Thank you for your communication and your interest in the New gTLD Program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the New gTLD Customer Service Center at newgtld@icann.org.

Sincerely,

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