

TO:

8 April 2013

*RE: Affirmation of Intent – Emergency Back-End Registry Operator Services*

Dear :

This affirmation of intent confirms that the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”) has selected \_\_\_\_\_ (“\_\_\_\_\_”) to serve as an Emergency Back-End Registry Operator (“EBERO”). \_\_\_\_\_ will provide this function subject to the parties executing a final services agreement approved by the ICANN Board of Directors.

As an EBERO, \_\_\_\_\_ will be engaged in the event a new gTLD registry operator experiences a failure in the provision of critical registry functions. Performing these functions will assist with ICANN’s commitment to the stability and interoperability of the DNS.

ICANN and \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ has the functional and technical capacity and willingness to provide registry services when a new gTLD registry operator is temporarily or indefinitely unable to perform the five critical registry functions (i.e. DNS, DNSSEC, Whois, SRS/EPP and Data Escrow).
2. ICANN and \_\_\_\_\_ will work in good faith to negotiate and implement a services agreement to establish the binding terms and conditions detailing the EBERO functions to be performed by \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Nothing contained in this letter shall give rise to any liability, monetary or otherwise, for either party to the other, and a contract

or agreement between the parties will not be deemed to exist unless the parties execute and deliver a definitive written agreement.

ICANN looks forward to working with you on the EBERO program. We kindly request your countersignature to acknowledge the contents of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Fadi Chehadé  
ICANN President and CEO

Acknowledged:

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