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Mr Chris Disspain
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To the ICANN Board Governance Committee:

We are writing to clarify in a very significant way the intentions of NMC regarding its last letter dated March 28, 2016 to the ICANN Board Governance Committee concerning DotMusic Limited’s Request for Reconsideration (16-5). This is especially important since this letter was subsequently referenced in DotMusic Limited’s more recent Request for Reconsideration (16-7).

It has become increasingly clear to NMC that several of its members were confused by the trade name “DotMusic,” thinking they were supporting the concept of an on-line designation for music, and the principle that a music community-friendly group should oversee such a .music designation, rather than supporting the company DotMusic, Limited. We greatly regret this misunderstanding and any confusion it may have caused, but ask the ICANN Board Governance Committee to understand that it is quite understandable given the name chosen by the company in question.

From the beginning of the application process, NMC—along with the International Music Council -- has supported the .music LLC/Far Further (application 1-959-51046), not DotMusic. NMC can now conclude definitively that there was no intention of our members to change that position.

Again, we apologize for any confusion, and hereby rescind as error the NMC endorsement of DotMusic contained in the above-referenced letter.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Sanders
Director