Date: 27 January 2017

ICANN Final Determination
Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .dwg

On 9 August 2016, Autodesk, Inc. notified ICANN of its intent to terminate the .dwg Registry Agreement entered into on 23 July 2015. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement, ICANN consulted with Autodesk, Inc. to assess whether to transition operation of the .dwg top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 19 December 2016 ICANN made a preliminary determination that operation of the .dwg TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

- Registry Operator has represented to ICANN that it holds intellectual property rights for the name "TLD". .dwg qualifies as a .Brand TLD.
- The .dwg TLD has not been delegated into the root zone, and there are zero (0) domain names registered in the TLD.

On 18 January 2017, after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, no comments were received. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, ICANN will proceed to terminate the .dwg Registry Agreement by 27 January 2017.

In conformance with Section 4.5 of the Registry agreement (as modified by section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN may not delegate the TLD to a successor registry operator for a period of two years without Registry Operator’s consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

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