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**ICANN** Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .statoil

On 11 June 2018, Statoil ASA <u>notified ICANN</u> of its intent to terminate the .statoil Registry Agreement entered into on 04 December 2014. 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, as modified by Section 6 of the Specification 13 (.Brand TLD Provisions), ICANN consulted with Statoil ASA to assess whether to transition operation of the .statoil top-level domain (TLD) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 06 July 2018, ICANN made a preliminary determination that operation of the .statoil TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

- 1. .statoil qualifies as a .Brand TLD.
- 2. Transitioning the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

On 05 August 2018, 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 .statoil Registry Agreement by 08 December 2018.

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

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