



## The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Re: Non-withdrawal of Application for .ARCHITECT

Dear Mr. Esa Mohamed:

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 2015, regarding the new gTLD application for .ARCHITECT. We appreciate the International Union of Architects' comments, and we have published your letter to the gTLD correspondence page (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/mohamed-to-atallah-28oct15-en.pdf>).

As you know, the International Union of Architects prevailed in a Community Objection filed against Spring Frostbite, LLC, with respect to the new gTLD application for .ARCHITECT (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/sites/default/files/drsp/25sep13/determination-1-1-1342-7920-en.pdf>). Accordingly, the status of the .ARCHITECT application is reflected as "Will Not Proceed" on the Application Status page of the new gTLD microsite (<https://gtldresult.icann.org/application-result/applicationstatus/viewstatus>).

We note your concern that the .ARCHITECT application has not been withdrawn from the New gTLD Program, and your request that "ICANN tak[e] the appropriate action to obtain the withdrawal of the .architect application." As reflected by the "Will Not Proceed" status, there is no current plan for ICANN to enter into a Registry Agreement with Spring Frostbite, LLC for the .ARCHITECT application, or to delegate the .ARCHITECT gTLD.

As communicated to the International Union of Architects' former president, Mr. Albert Dubler, there is currently no provision under the New gTLD Program for ICANN to withdraw an application without the applicant's initiation of the withdrawal process (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/atallah-to-dubler-31oct13-en.pdf>). However, as you may know, ICANN does incentivize applicants to withdraw their applications by providing a partial refund of application fees to eligible applicants upon withdrawal (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/agb/guidebook-full-04jun12-en.pdf>).



We hope that this information is helpful to you. Thank you for your participation in the New gTLD Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Christine A. Willett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Christine A. Willett  
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