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RE: NOTICE OF BREACH OF REGISTRAR ACCREDITATION AGREEMENT

Dear Mr. Escart:

Please be advised that as of 30 July 2012, AB CONNECT SARL ("AB CONNECT") is in breach of its Registrar Accreditation Agreement ("RAA") with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") dated 20 September 2007 ("RAA"). These breaches result from:

1. Failure to escrow gTLD registration data pursuant to Section 3.6 of the RAA; and
2. Failure to timely pay accreditation fees pursuant to Section 3.9 of the RAA.

Please refer to the attachment below for details regarding these breaches. ICANN requests that AB CONNECT cure the breaches by 20 August 2012, 15 working days from the date of this letter, by taking the following actions:

1. Deposit gTLD registration data on a weekly basis to Iron Mountain Intellectual Property Management, Inc. ("Iron Mountain") and ensure the deposits meet the required specifications; and
2. Pay all past due accreditation fees in the amount of \$3,582.07.

If AB CONNECT fails to timely cure these breaches, ICANN may commence the termination process.

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If you have questions or require assistance, please contact me at stacy.burnette@icann.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacy Burnette".

Stacy Burnette
Director,
Contractual Compliance

Enclosure: Customer Statement



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ATTACHMENT

Failure to Escrow gTLD Registration Data

Section 3.6 of the RAA requires AB CONNECT, “on a schedule, under the terms, and in the format specified by ICANN” to “submit an electronic copy of the database described in Subsection 3.4.1 (of the RAA) to ICANN or, at its expense, to a reputable escrow agent mutually approved by Registrar and ICANN.” However, based on the reports provided by Iron Mountain to ICANN, 13 weekly deposits made by AB CONNECT between April 2012 to July 2012 were all invalid. In addition, AB CONNECT missed two weekly deposits in July 2012. AB CONNECT’s repeated failure to successfully deposit valid data constitutes a breach of Section 3.6 of the RAA.

Failure to Pay Accreditation Fees

Section 3.9 of the RAA requires registrars to timely pay accreditation fees to ICANN, consisting of yearly and variable fees. AB CONNECT currently owes ICANN \$3,582.07 in past due accreditation fees, in breach of Section 3.9 of the RAA.

Below is a chronology of our correspondence and other attempts to contact AB CONNECT to date:

Chronology:

Date of Notice	Deadline for Response	Details
27 Jun 12	4 Jul 12	ICANN sent 2 first compliance notices to primary contact laurent@hosteur.com requesting registrar to: 1. Resolve invalid deposit issue. All deposits from 11 April – 13 July 2012 were invalid; and 2. Resolve usage of incorrect logo issue.



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Date of Notice	Deadline for Response	Details
		No resolution of either issues, or contact received from registrar.
5 Jul 12	11 Jul 12	<p>ICANN sent second compliance notice to primary contact laurent@hosteur.com requesting registrar resolve invalid deposit issue and resolve usage of incorrect logo issue. No resolution on either issue, or contact from registrar.</p> <p>An ICANN staff attempted to call your registrar's primary contact number, +33 4 27042805 on 11 July 2012. The call was not answered, with no availability to leave a voice message.</p>
12 Jul 12	19 Jul 12	<p>ICANN sent third compliance notice to primary contact laurent@hosteur.com requesting registrar resolve invalid deposit issue and resolve usage of incorrect logo issue. Registrar resolved the usage of incorrect logo issue.</p> <p>ICANN staff called the secondary contact on 12 July 2012, Jean-Daniel Guillain at +33 6 12722082 who advised ICANN staff that he sent the 2nd and 3rd notices to registrar's IT department to resolve.</p>
30 Jul 12	N/A	Registrar's invalid deposit issue remains unresolved.