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Registrar Accreditation Agreement

This REGISTRAR ACCREDITATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is by and between the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, a California non-profit, public benefit corporation, and [Registrar Name], a [Organization type and jurisdiction] ("Registrar"), and shall be deemed made on _____, at Los Angeles, California, USA.

1. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

1.1 "Accredit" means to identify and set minimum standards for the performance of registration functions, to recognize persons or entities meeting those standards, and to enter into an accreditation agreement that sets forth the rules and procedures applicable to the provision of Registrar Services.

1.2 "DNS" refers to the Internet domain-name system.

1.3 The "Effective Date" is _____.

1.4 The "Expiration Date" is _____.

1.5 "ICANN" refers to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, a party to this Agreement.

1.6 "Personal Data" refers to data about any identified or identifiable natural person.

1.7 "Registered Name" refers to a domain name within the domain of a TLD that is the subject of an appendix to this Agreement, whether consisting of two or more (e.g., john.smith.name) levels, about which a TLD Registry Operator (or an affiliate engaged in providing Registry Services) maintains data in a Registry Database, arranges for such maintenance, or derives revenue from such maintenance. A name in a Registry Database may be a Registered Name even though it does not appear in a zone file (e.g., a registered but inactive name).

1.8 "Registered Name Holder" means the holder of a Registered Name.

1.9 The word "Registrar," when appearing with an initial capital letter, refers to [Registrar Name], a party to this Agreement.

1.10 The word "registrar," when appearing without an initial capital letter, refers to a person or entity that contracts with Registered Name Holders and with a Registry Operator and collects registration data about the Registered Name Holders and submits registration information for entry in the Registry Database.

1.11 "Registrar Services" means services provided by a registrar in connection with a TLD as to which it has an agreement with the TLD's Registry Operator, and includes contracting with Registered Name Holders, collecting registration data about the Registered Name Holders, and submitting registration information for entry in the Registry Database.

1.12 "Registry Data" means all Registry Database data maintained in electronic form, and shall include TLD Zone-File Data, all data used to provide Registry Services and submitted by registrars in electronic form, and all other data used to provide Registry Services concerning particular domain name registrations or nameservers maintained in electronic form in a Registry Database.

1.13 "Registry Database" means a database comprised of data about one or more DNS domain names within the domain of a registry that is used to generate either DNS resource records that are published authoritatively or responses to domain-name availability lookup requests or Whois queries, for some or all of those names.

1.14 A "Registry Operator" is the person or entity then responsible, in accordance with an agreement between ICANN (or its assignee) and that person or entity (those persons or entities) or, if that agreement is terminated or expires, in accordance with an agreement between the US Government and that person or entity (those persons or entities), for providing Registry Services for a specific TLD.

1.15 "Registry Services," with respect to a particular TLD, shall have the meaning defined in the agreement between ICANN and the Registry Operator for that TLD.

1.16 A Registered Name is "sponsored" by the registrar that placed the record associated with that registration into the registry. Sponsorship of a registration may be changed at the express direction of the Registered Name Holder or, in the event a registrar loses accreditation, in accordance with then-current ICANN specifications and policies.

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1.17 "Term of this Agreement" begins on the Effective Date and continues to the earlier of (a) the Expiration Date, or (b) termination of this Agreement.

1.18 A "TLD" is a top-level domain of the DNS.

1.19 "TLD Zone-File Data" means all data contained in a DNS zone file for the registry, or for any subdomain for which Registry Services are provided and that contains Registered Names, as provided to nameservers on the Internet.

2. ICANN OBLIGATIONS.

2.1 Accreditation. During the Term of this Agreement, Registrar is hereby accredited by ICANN to act as a registrar (including to insert and renew registration of Registered Names in the Registry Database) for the TLD(s) that are the subject of appendices to this Agreement according to Subsection 5.5.

2.2 Registrar Use of ICANN Name and Website. ICANN hereby grants to Registrar a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license during the Term of this Agreement (a) to state that it is accredited by ICANN as a registrar for each TLD that is the subject of an appendix to this Agreement and (b) to link to pages and documents within the ICANN web site. No other use of ICANN's name or website is licensed hereby. This license may not be assigned or sublicensed by Registrar.

2.3 General Obligations of ICANN. With respect to all matters that impact the rights, obligations, or role of Registrar, ICANN shall during the Term of this Agreement:

2.3.1 exercise its responsibilities in an open and transparent manner;

2.3.2 not unreasonably restrain competition and, to the extent feasible, promote and encourage robust competition;

2.3.3 not apply standards, policies, procedures or practices arbitrarily, unjustifiably, or inequitably and not single out Registrar for disparate treatment unless justified by substantial and reasonable cause; and

2.3.4 ensure, through its reconsideration and independent review policies, adequate appeal procedures for Registrar, to the extent it is adversely affected by ICANN standards, policies, procedures or practices.

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3. REGISTRAR OBLIGATIONS.

3.1 Obligations to Provide Registrar Services. During the Term of this Agreement, Registrar agrees that it will operate as a registrar for each TLD for which it is accredited by ICANN in accordance with this Agreement.

3.2 Submission of Registered Name Holder Data to Registry. During the Term of this Agreement:

3.2.1 As part of its registration of Registered Names in a TLD as to which it is accredited, Registrar shall submit to, or shall place in the Registry Database operated by, the Registry Operator for the TLD the following data elements:

3.2.1.1 The name of the Registered Name being registered;

3.2.1.2 The IP addresses of the primary nameserver and secondary nameserver(s) for the Registered Name;

3.2.1.3 The corresponding names of those nameservers;

3.2.1.4 Unless automatically generated by the registry system, the identity of the Registrar;

3.2.1.5 Unless automatically generated by the registry system, the expiration date of the registration; and

3.2.1.6 Any other data the Registry Operator requires be submitted to it.

The appendix to this Agreement for a particular TLD may state substitute language for Subsections 3.2.1.1 through 3.2.1.6 as applicable to that TLD; in that event the substitute language shall replace and supersede Subsections 3.2.1.1 through 3.2.1.6 stated above for all purposes under this Agreement but only with respect to that particular TLD.

3.2.2 Within five (5) business days after receiving any updates from the Registered Name Holder to the data elements listed in Subsections 3.2.1.2, 3.1.2.3, and 3.2.1.6 for any Registered Name Registrar sponsors, Registrar shall submit the updated data elements to, or shall place those elements in the Registry Database operated by the Registry Operator.

3.2.3 In order to allow reconstitution of the Registry Database in the event of an otherwise unrecoverable technical failure or a change in the designated Registry Operator, within ten days of any such request by ICANN, Registrar shall submit an electronic database containing the data elements listed in Subsections 3.2.1.1 through 3.2.1.6 for all active records in the registry sponsored by Registrar, in a format specified by ICANN, to the Registry Operator for the appropriate TLD.

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3.3 <u>Public Access to Data on Registered Names.</u> During the Term of this Agreement:

3.3.1 At its expense, Registrar shall provide an interactive web page and a port 43 Whois service providing free public query-based access to up-to-date (i.e., updated at least daily) data concerning all active Registered Names sponsored by Registrar for each TLD in which it is accredited. The data accessible shall consist of elements that are designated from time to time according to an ICANN adopted specification or policy. Until ICANN otherwise specifies by means of an ICANN adopted specification or policy, this data shall consist of the following elements as contained in Registrar's database:

3.3.1.1 The name of the Registered Name;

3.3.1.2 The names of the primary nameserver and secondary nameserver(s) for the Registered Name;

3.3.1.3 The identity of Registrar (which may be provided through Registrar's website);

3.3.1.4 The original creation date of the registration;

3.3.1.5 The expiration date of the registration;

3.3.1.6 The name and postal address of the Registered Name Holder;

3.3.1.7 The name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and (where available) fax number of the technical contact for the Registered Name; and

3.3.1.8 The name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and (where available) fax number of the administrative contact for the Registered Name.

The appendix to this Agreement for a particular TLD may state substitute language for Subsections 3.3.1.1 through 3.3.1.8 as applicable to that TLD; in that event the substitute language shall replace and supersede Subsections 3.3.1.1 through 3.3.1.8 stated above for all purposes under this Agreement but only with respect to that particular TLD.

3.3.2 Upon receiving any updates to the data elements listed in Subsections 3.3.1.2, 3.3.1.3, and 3.3.1.5 through 3.3.1.8 from the Registered Name Holder, Registrar shall promptly update its database used to provide the public access described in Subsection 3.3.1.

3.3.3 Registrar may subcontract its obligation to provide the public access described in Subsection 3.3.1 and the updating described in Subsection 3.3.2, provided that Registrar shall remain fully responsible for the proper provision of the access and updating.

3.3.4 Registrar shall abide by any ICANN specification or policy established as a Consensus Policy according to Section 4 that requires registrars to cooperatively implement a distributed capability that provides query-based Whois search functionality across all registrars. If the Whois service implemented by registrars does not in a reasonable time provide reasonably robust, reliable, and convenient access to accurate and up-to-date data, the Registrar shall abide by any ICANN specification or policy established as a Consensus Policy according to Section 4 requiring Registrar, if reasonably determined by ICANN to be necessary (considering such possibilities as remedial action by specific registrars), to supply data from Registrar's database to facilitate the development of a centralized Whois database for the purpose of providing comprehensive Registrar Whois search capability.

3.3.5 In providing query-based public access to registration data as required by Subsections 3.3.1 and 3.3.4, Registrar shall not impose terms and conditions on use of the data provided, except as permitted by policy established by ICANN. Unless and until ICANN establishes a different policy according to Section 4, Registrar shall permit use of data it provides in response to queries for any lawful purposes except to: (a) allow, enable, or otherwise support the transmission by e-mail, telephone, or facsimile of mass, unsolicited, commercial advertising or solicitations to entities other than the data recipient's own existing customers; or (b) enable high volume, automated, electronic processes that send queries or data to the systems of any Registry Operator or ICANN-Accredited registrar, except as reasonably necessary to register domain names or modify existing registrations.

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3.3.6 In addition, Registrar shall provide third-party bulk access to the data subject to public access under Subsection 3.3.1 under the following terms and conditions:

3.3.6.1 Registrar shall make a complete electronic copy of the data available at least one time per week for download by third parties who have entered into a bulk access agreement with Registrar.

3.3.6.2 Registrar may charge an annual fee, not to exceed US$10,000, for such bulk access to the data.

3.3.6.3 Registrar's access agreement shall require the third party to agree not to use the data to allow, enable, or otherwise support the transmission by e-mail, telephone, or facsimile of mass, unsolicited, commercial advertising or solicitations to entities other than such third party's own existing customers.

3.3.6.4 Registrar's access agreement shall require the third party to agree not to use the data to enable high-volume, automated, electronic processes that send queries or data to the systems of any Registry Operator or ICANN-Accredited registrar, except as reasonably necessary to register domain names or modify existing registrations.

3.3.6.5 Registrar's access agreement may require the third party to agree not to sell or redistribute the data except insofar as it has been incorporated by the third party into a value-added product or service that does not permit the extraction of a substantial portion of the bulk data from the value-added product or service for use by other parties.
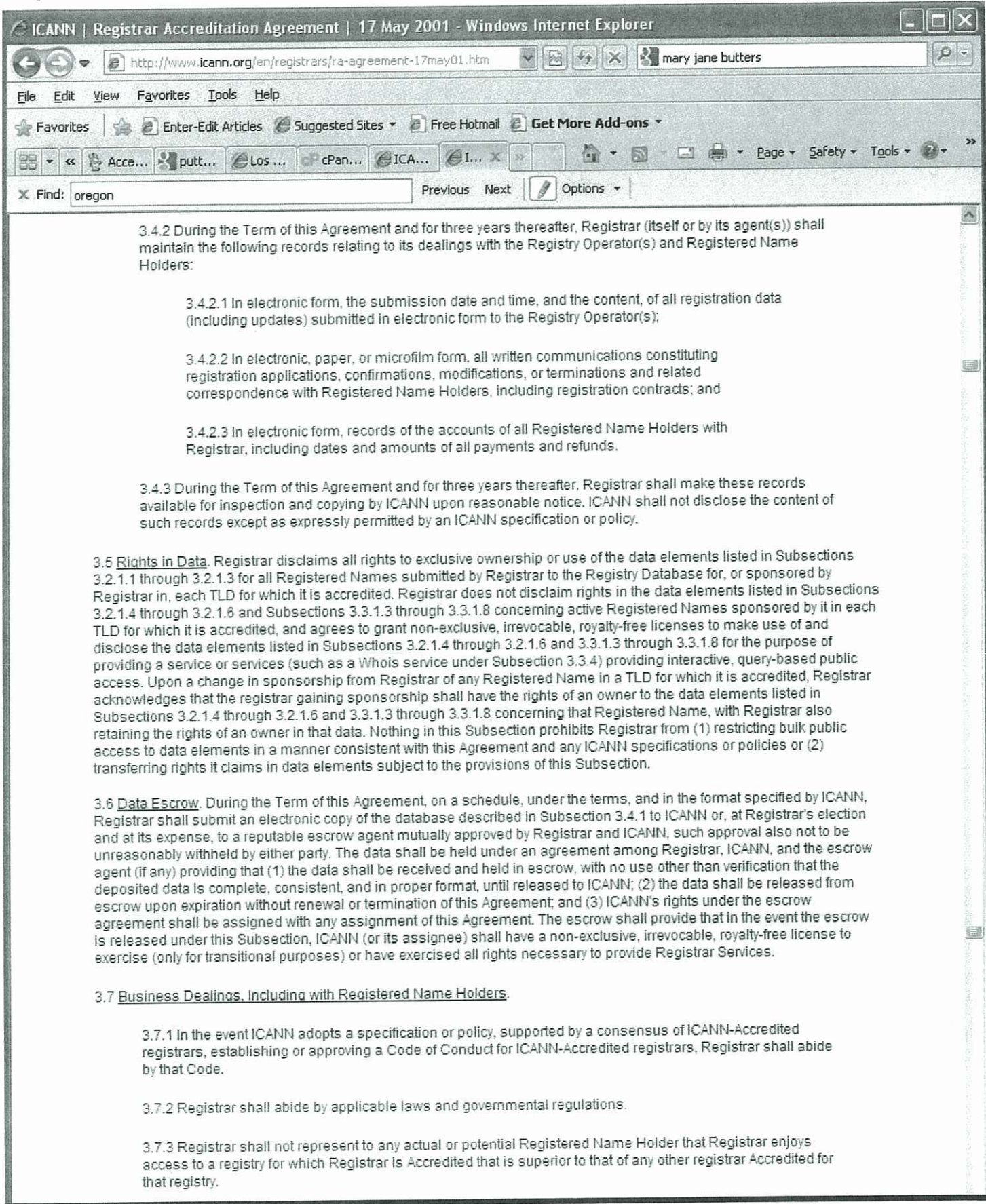
3.3.6.6 Registrar may enable Registered Name Holders who are individuals to elect not to have Personal Data concerning their registrations available for bulk access for marketing purposes based on Registrar's "Opt-Out" policy, and if Registrar has such a policy, Registrar shall require the third party to abide by the terms of that Opt-Out policy; provided, however, that Registrar may not use such data subject to opt-out for marketing purposes in its own value-added product or service.

3.3.7 Registrar's obligations under Subsection 3.3.6 shall remain in effect until the earlier of (a) replacement of this policy with a different ICANN policy, established according to Section 4, governing bulk access to the data subject to public access under Subsection 3.3.1, or (b) demonstration, to the satisfaction of the United States Department of Commerce, that no individual or entity is able to exercise market power with respect to registrations or with respect to registration data used for development of value-added products and services by third parties.

3.3.8 To comply with applicable statutes and regulations and for other reasons, ICANN may from time to time adopt policies and specifications establishing limits (a) on the Personal Data concerning Registered Names that Registrar may make available to the public through a public-access service described in this Subsection 3.3 and (b) on the manner in which Registrar may make such data available. In the event ICANN adopts any such policy, Registrar shall abide by it.

3.4 Retention of Registered Name Holder and Registration Data.

3.4.1 During the Term of this Agreement, Registrar shall maintain its own electronic database, as updated from time to time, containing data for each active Registered Name sponsored by it within each TLD for which it is accredited. The data for each such registration shall include the elements listed in Subsections 3.3.1.1 through 3.3.1.8; the name and (where available) postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and fax number of the billing contact; and any other Registry Data that Registrar has submitted to the Registry Operator or placed in the Registry Database under Subsection 3.2.

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3.4.2 During the Term of this Agreement and for three years thereafter, Registrar (itself or by its agent(s)) shall maintain the following records relating to its dealings with the Registry Operator(s) and Registered Name Holders:

3.4.2.1 In electronic form, the submission date and time, and the content, of all registration data (including updates) submitted in electronic form to the Registry Operator(s);

3.4.2.2 In electronic, paper, or microfilm form, all written communications constituting registration applications, confirmations, modifications, or terminations and related correspondence with Registered Name Holders, including registration contracts; and

3.4.2.3 In electronic form, records of the accounts of all Registered Name Holders with Registrar, including dates and amounts of all payments and refunds.

3.4.3 During the Term of this Agreement and for three years thereafter, Registrar shall make these records available for inspection and copying by ICANN upon reasonable notice. ICANN shall not disclose the content of such records except as expressly permitted by an ICANN specification or policy.

3.5 Rights in Data. Registrar disclaims all rights to exclusive ownership or use of the data elements listed in Subsections 3.2.1.1 through 3.2.1.3 for all Registered Names submitted by Registrar to the Registry Database for, or sponsored by Registrar in, each TLD for which it is accredited. Registrar does not disclaim rights in the data elements listed in Subsections 3.2.1.4 through 3.2.1.6 and Subsections 3.3.1.3 through 3.3.1.8 concerning active Registered Names sponsored by it in each TLD for which it is accredited, and agrees to grant non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free licenses to make use of and disclose the data elements listed in Subsections 3.2.1.4 through 3.2.1.6 and 3.3.1.3 through 3.3.1.8 for the purpose of providing a service or services (such as a Whois service under Subsection 3.3.4) providing interactive, query-based public access. Upon a change in sponsorship from Registrar of any Registered Name in a TLD for which it is accredited, Registrar acknowledges that the registrar gaining sponsorship shall have the rights of an owner to the data elements listed in Subsections 3.2.1.4 through 3.2.1.6 and 3.3.1.3 through 3.3.1.8 concerning that Registered Name, with Registrar also retaining the rights of an owner in that data. Nothing in this Subsection prohibits Registrar from (1) restricting bulk public access to data elements in a manner consistent with this Agreement and any ICANN specifications or policies or (2) transferring rights it claims in data elements subject to the provisions of this Subsection.

3.6 Data Escrow. During the Term of this Agreement, on a schedule, under the terms, and in the format specified by ICANN, Registrar shall submit an electronic copy of the database described in Subsection 3.4.1 to ICANN or, at Registrar's election and at its expense, to a reputable escrow agent mutually approved by Registrar and ICANN, such approval also not to be unreasonably withheld by either party. The data shall be held under an agreement among Registrar, ICANN, and the escrow agent (if any) providing that (1) the data shall be received and held in escrow, with no use other than verification that the deposited data is complete, consistent, and in proper format, until released to ICANN; (2) the data shall be released from escrow upon expiration without renewal or termination of this Agreement; and (3) ICANN's rights under the escrow agreement shall be assigned with any assignment of this Agreement. The escrow shall provide that in the event the escrow is released under this Subsection, ICANN (or its assignee) shall have a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to exercise (only for transitional purposes) or have exercised all rights necessary to provide Registrar Services.

3.7 Business Dealings, Including with Registered Name Holders.

3.7.1 In the event ICANN adopts a specification or policy, supported by a consensus of ICANN-Accredited registrars, establishing or approving a Code of Conduct for ICANN-Accredited registrars, Registrar shall abide by that Code.

3.7.2 Registrar shall abide by applicable laws and governmental regulations.

3.7.3 Registrar shall not represent to any actual or potential Registered Name Holder that Registrar enjoys access to a registry for which Registrar is Accredited that is superior to that of any other registrar Accredited for that registry.

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3.7.4 Registrar shall not activate any Registered Name unless and until it is satisfied that it has received a reasonable assurance of payment of its registration fee. For this purpose, a charge to a credit card, general commercial terms extended to creditworthy customers, or other mechanism providing a similar level of assurance of payment shall be sufficient, provided that the obligation to pay becomes final and non-revocable by the Registered Name Holder upon activation of the registration.

3.7.5 Registrar shall register Registered Names to Registered Name Holders only for fixed periods. At the conclusion of the registration period, failure by or on behalf of the Registered Name Holder to pay a renewal fee within the time specified in a second notice or reminder shall, in the absence of extenuating circumstances, result in cancellation of the registration. In the event that ICANN adopts a specification or policy concerning procedures for handling expiration of registrations, Registrar shall abide by that specification or policy.

3.7.6 Registrar shall not insert or renew any Registered Name in any registry for which Registrar is accredited by ICANN in a manner contrary to an ICANN policy stating a list or specification of excluded Registered Names that is in effect at the time of insertion or renewal.

3.7.7 Registrar shall require all Registered Name Holders to enter into an electronic or paper registration agreement with Registrar including at least the following provisions:

3.7.7.1 The Registered Name Holder shall provide to Registrar accurate and reliable contact details and promptly correct and update them during the term of the Registered Name registration, including: the full name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and fax number if available of the Registered Name Holder; name of authorized person for contact purposes in the case of an Registered Name Holder that is an organization, association, or corporation; and the data elements listed in Subsections 3.3.1.2, 3.3.1.7 and 3.3.1.8.

3.7.7.2 A Registered Name Holder's willful provision of inaccurate or unreliable information, its willful failure promptly to update information provided to Registrar, or its failure to respond for over fifteen calendar days to inquiries by Registrar concerning the accuracy of contact details associated with the Registered Name Holder's registration shall constitute a material breach of the Registered Name Holder-registrar contract and be a basis for cancellation of the Registered Name registration.

3.7.7.3 Any Registered Name Holder that intends to license use of a domain name to a third party is nonetheless the Registered Name Holder of record and is responsible for providing its own full contact information and for providing and updating accurate technical and administrative contact information adequate to facilitate timely resolution of any problems that arise in connection with the Registered Name. A Registered Name Holder licensing use of a Registered Name according to this provision shall accept liability for harm caused by wrongful use of the Registered Name, unless it promptly discloses the identity of the licensee to a party providing the Registered Name Holder reasonable evidence of actionable harm.

3.7.7.4 Registrar shall provide notice to each new or renewed Registered Name Holder stating:

3.7.7.4.1 The purposes for which any Personal Data collected from the applicant are intended;

3.7.7.4.2 The intended recipients or categories of recipients of the data (including the Registry Operator and others who will receive the data from Registry Operator);

3.7.7.4.3 Which data are obligatory and which data, if any, are voluntary; and

3.7.7.4.4 How the Registered Name Holder or data subject can access and, if necessary, rectify the data held about them.

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3.7.7.5 The Registered Name Holder shall consent to the data processing referred to in Subsection 3.7.7.4.

3.7.7.6 The Registered Name Holder shall represent that notice has been provided equivalent to that described in Subsection 3.7.7.4 to any third-party individuals whose Personal Data are supplied to Registrar by the Registered Name Holder, and that the Registered Name Holder has obtained consent equivalent to that referred to in Subsection 3.7.7.5 of any such third-party individuals.

3.7.7.7 Registrar shall agree that it will not process the Personal Data collected from the Registered Name Holder in a way incompatible with the purposes and other limitations about which it has provided notice to the Registered Name Holder in accordance with Subsection 3.7.7.4 above.

3.7.7.8 Registrar shall agree that it will take reasonable precautions to protect Personal Data from loss, misuse, unauthorized access or disclosure, alteration, or destruction.

3.7.7.9 The Registered Name Holder shall represent that, to the best of the Registered Name Holder's knowledge and belief, neither the registration of the Registered Name nor the manner in which it is directly or indirectly used infringes the legal rights of any third party.

3.7.7.10 For the adjudication of disputes concerning or arising from use of the Registered Name, the Registered Name Holder shall submit, without prejudice to other potentially applicable jurisdictions, to the jurisdiction of the courts (1) of the Registered Name Holder's domicile and (2) where Registrar is located.

3.7.7.11 The Registered Name Holder shall agree that its registration of the Registered Name shall be subject to suspension, cancellation, or transfer pursuant to any ICANN adopted specification or policy, or pursuant to any registrar or registry procedure not inconsistent with an ICANN adopted specification or policy, (1) to correct mistakes by Registrar or the Registry Operator in registering the name or (2) for the resolution of disputes concerning the Registered Name.

3.7.7.12 The Registered Name Holder shall indemnify and hold harmless the Registry Operator and its directors, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) arising out of or related to the Registered Name Holder's domain name registration.

3.7.8 Registrar shall abide by any specifications or policies established according to Section 4 requiring reasonable and commercially practicable (a) verification, at the time of registration, of contact information associated with a Registered Name sponsored by Registrar or (b) periodic re-verification of such information. Registrar shall, upon notification by any person of an inaccuracy in the contact information associated with a Registered Name sponsored by Registrar, take reasonable steps to investigate that claimed inaccuracy. In the event Registrar learns of inaccurate contact information associated with a Registered Name it sponsors, it shall take reasonable steps to correct that inaccuracy.

3.7.9 Registrar shall abide by any ICANN adopted specifications or policies prohibiting or restricting warehousing of or speculation in domain names by registrars.

3.7.10 Nothing in this Agreement prescribes or limits the amount Registrar may charge Registered Name Holders for registration of Registered Names.

3.8 Domain-Name Dispute Resolution. During the Term of this Agreement, Registrar shall have in place a policy and procedures for resolution of disputes concerning Registered Names. Until different policies and procedures are established by ICANN under Section 4, Registrar shall comply with the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy identified on ICANN's website (www.icann.org/general/consensus-policies.htm).

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3.9 Accreditation Fees. As a condition of accreditation, Registrar shall pay accreditation fees to ICANN. These fees consist of yearly and variable fees.

3.9.1 Yearly Accreditation Fee. Registrar shall pay ICANN a yearly accreditation fee in an amount established by the ICANN Board of Directors, in conformity with ICANN's bylaws and articles of incorporation. This yearly accreditation fee shall not exceed US$4,000 for the first TLD for which Registrar is Accredited plus US$500 for each additional TLD for which Registrar is Accredited at any time during the year. Payment of the yearly fee shall be due within thirty days after invoice from ICANN.

3.9.2 Variable Accreditation Fee. Registrar shall pay the variable accreditation fees established by the ICANN Board of Directors, in conformity with ICANN's bylaws and articles of incorporation, provided that in each case such fees are reasonably allocated among all registrars that contract with ICANN and that any such fees must be expressly approved by registrars accounting, in the aggregate, for payment of two-thirds of all registrar-level fees. Registrar shall pay such fees in a timely manner for so long as all material terms of this Agreement remain in full force and effect, and notwithstanding the pendency of any dispute between Registrar and ICANN.

3.9.3 On reasonable notice given by ICANN to Registrar, accountings submitted by Registrar shall be subject to verification by an audit of Registrar's books and records by an independent third-party that shall preserve the confidentiality of such books and records (other than its findings as to the accuracy of, and any necessary corrections to, the accountings).

3.10 Insurance. Registrar shall maintain in force commercial general liability insurance with policy limits of at least US$500,000 covering liabilities arising from Registrar's registrar business during the term of this Agreement.

4. PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OR REVISION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND POLICIES.

4.1 Registrar's Ongoing Obligation to Comply With New or Revised Specifications and Policies. During the Term of this Agreement, Registrar shall comply with the terms of this Agreement on the schedule set forth in Subsection 4.4, with

4.1.1 new or revised specifications (including forms of agreement to which Registrar is a party) and policies established by ICANN as Consensus Policies in the manner described in Subsection 4.3.

4.1.2.1 this Agreement expressly provides for compliance with revised specifications or policies established in the manner set forth in one or more subsections of this Section 4; or

4.1.2.2 the specification or policy concerns one or more topics described in Subsection 4.2.

4.2 Topics for New and Revised Specifications and Policies. New and revised specifications and policies may be established on the following topics:

4.2.1 issues for which uniform or coordinated resolution is reasonably necessary to facilitate interoperability, technical reliability, and/or operational stability of Registrar Services, Registry Services, the DNS, or the Internet;

4.2.2 registrar policies reasonably necessary to implement ICANN policies or specifications relating to a DNS registry or to Registry Services;

4.2.3 resolution of disputes concerning the registration of Registered Names (as opposed to the use of such domain names), including where the policies take into account use of the domain names;

4.2.4 principles for allocation of Registered Names (e.g., first-come/first-served, timely renewal, holding period after expiration);

4.2.5 prohibitions on warehousing of or speculation in domain names by registries or registrars;

4.2.6 maintenance of and access to accurate and up-to-date contact information regarding Registered Names and nameservers;

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4.2.6 maintenance of and access to accurate and up-to-date contact information regarding Registered Names and nameservers;

4.2.7 reservation of Registered Names that may not be registered initially or that may not be renewed due to reasons reasonably related to (a) avoidance of confusion among or misleading of users, (b) intellectual property, or (c) the technical management of the DNS or the Internet (e.g., "example.com" and names with single-letter/digit labels);

4.2.8 procedures to avoid disruptions of registration due to suspension or termination of operations by a registry operator or a registrar, including allocation of responsibility among continuing registrars of the Registered Names sponsored in a TLD by a registrar losing accreditation; and

4.2.9 the transfer of registration data upon a change in registrar sponsoring one or more Registered Names.

Nothing in this Subsection 4.2 shall limit Registrar's obligations as set forth elsewhere in this Agreement.

4.3 Manner of Establishment of New and Revised Specifications and Policies.

4.3.1 "Consensus Policies" are those specifications or policies established based on a consensus among Internet stakeholders represented in the ICANN process, as demonstrated by (a) action of the ICANN Board of Directors establishing the specification or policy, (b) a recommendation, adopted by at least a two-thirds vote of the council of the ICANN Supporting Organization to which the matter is delegated, that the specification or policy should be established, and (c) a written report and supporting materials (which must include all substantive submissions to the Supporting Organization relating to the proposal) that (i) documents the extent of agreement and disagreement among impacted groups, (ii) documents the outreach process used to seek to achieve adequate representation of the views of groups that are likely to be impacted, and (iii) documents the nature and intensity of reasoned support and opposition to the proposed policy.

4.3.2 In the event that Registrar disputes the presence of such a consensus, it shall seek review of that issue from an Independent Review Panel established under ICANN's bylaws. Such review must be sought within fifteen working days of the publication of the Board's action establishing the policy. The decision of the panel shall be based on the report and supporting materials required by Subsection 4.3.1. In the event that Registrar seeks review and the Independent Review Panel sustains the Board's determination that the policy is based provided, however, that Registrar must continue to implement the policy unless it has obtained a stay or injunctive relief under Subsection 5.6 or a final decision is rendered in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 5.6 that relieves Registrar of such obligation. The decision in any such further review shall be based on the report and supporting materials required by Subsection 4.3.1.

4.3.4 A specification or policy established by the ICANN Board of Directors on a temporary basis, without a prior recommendation by the council of an ICANN Supporting Organization, shall also be considered to be a Consensus Policy if adopted by the ICANN Board of Directors by a vote of at least two-thirds of its members, so long as the Board reasonably determines that immediate temporary establishment of a specification or policy on the subject is necessary to maintain the operational stability of Registrar Services, Registry Services, the DNS, or the Internet, and that the proposed specification or policy is as narrowly tailored as feasible to achieve those objectives. In establishing any specification or policy under this provision, the ICANN Board of Directors shall state the period of time for which the specification or policy is temporarily adopted and shall immediately refer the matter to the appropriate Supporting Organization for its evaluation and review with a detailed explanation of its reasons for establishing the temporary specification or policy and why the Board believes the policy should receive the consensus support of Internet stakeholders. If the period of time for which the specification or policy is adopted exceeds ninety days, the Board shall reaffirm its temporary establishment every ninety days for a total period not to exceed one year, in order to maintain such specification or policy in effect until such time as it meets the standard set forth in Subsection 4.3.1. If the standard set forth in Subsection 4.3.1 is not met within the temporary period set by the Board, or the council of the Supporting Organization to which it has been referred votes to reject the temporary specification or policy, it will no longer be a "Consensus Policy."

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4.3.5 For all purposes under this Agreement, the policies specifically identified by ICANN on its website (www.icann.org/general/consensus-policies.htm) at the date of this Agreement as having been adopted by the ICANN Board of Directors before the date of this Agreement shall be treated in the same manner and have the same effect as "Consensus Policies" and accordingly shall not be subject to review under Subsection 4.3.2.

4.3.6 In the event that, at the time the ICANN Board of Directors establishes a specification or policy under Subsection 4.3.1 during the Term of this Agreement, ICANN does not have in place an Independent Review Panel established under ICANN's bylaws, the fifteen-working-day period allowed under Subsection 4.3.2 to seek review shall be extended until fifteen working days after ICANN does have such an Independent Review Panel in place and Registrar shall not be obligated to comply with the specification or policy in the interim.

4.4 Time Allowed for Compliance. Registrar shall be afforded a reasonable period of time after receiving notice of the establishment of a specification or policy under Subsection 4.3 in which to comply with that specification or policy, taking into account any urgency involved.

5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

5.1 Specific Performance. While this Agreement is in effect, either party may seek specific performance of any provision of this Agreement in the manner provided in Section 5.6 below, provided the party seeking such performance is not in material breach of its obligations.

5.2 Termination of Agreement by Registrar. This Agreement may be terminated before its expiration by Registrar by giving ICANN thirty days written notice. Upon such termination by Registrar, Registrar shall not be entitled to any refund of fees paid to ICANN pursuant to this Agreement.

5.3 Termination of Agreement by ICANN. This Agreement may be terminated before its expiration by ICANN in any of the following circumstances:

5.3.1 There was a material misrepresentation, material inaccuracy, or materially misleading statement in Registrar's application for accreditation or any material accompanying the application.

5.3.2 Registrar:

5.3.2.1 is convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony or other serious offense related to financial activities, or is judged by a court of competent jurisdiction to have committed fraud or breach of fiduciary duty, or is the subject of a judicial determination that ICANN reasonably deems as the substantive equivalent of those offenses; or

5.3.2.2 is disciplined by the government of its domicile for conduct involving dishonesty or misuse of funds of others.

5.3.3 Any officer or director of Registrar is convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor related to financial activities, or is judged by a court to have committed fraud or breach of fiduciary duty, or is the subject of a judicial determination that ICANN deems as the substantive equivalent of any of these; provided, such officer or director is not removed in such circumstances.

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5.3.4 Registrar fails to cure any breach of this Agreement (other than a failure to comply with a policy adopted by ICANN during the term of this Agreement as to which Registrar is seeking, or still has time to seek, review under Subsection 4.3.2 of whether a consensus is present) within fifteen working days after ICANN gives Registrar notice of the breach.

5.3.5 Registrar fails to comply with a ruling granting specific performance under Subsections 5.1 and 5.6.

5.3.6 Registrar continues acting in a manner that ICANN has reasonably determined endangers the stability or operational integrity of the Internet after receiving three days notice of that determination.

5.3.7 Registrar becomes bankrupt or insolvent.

This Agreement may be terminated in circumstances described in Subsections 5.3.1 - 5.3.6 above only upon fifteen days written notice to Registrar (in the case of Subsection 5.3.4 occurring after Registrar's failure to cure), with Registrar being given an opportunity during that time to initiate arbitration under Subsection 5.6 to determine the appropriateness of termination under this Agreement. In the event Registrar initiates litigation or arbitration concerning the appropriateness of termination by ICANN, the termination shall be stayed an additional thirty days to allow Registrar to obtain a stay of termination under Subsection 5.6 below. If Registrar acts in a manner that ICANN reasonably determines endangers the stability or operational integrity of the Internet and upon notice does not immediately cure, ICANN may suspend this Agreement for five working days pending ICANN's application for more extended specific performance or injunctive relief under Subsection 5.6. This Agreement may be terminated immediately upon notice to Registrar in circumstance described in Subsection 5.3.7 above.

5.4 Term of Agreement: Renewal: Right to Substitute Updated Agreement. This Agreement shall be effective on the Effective Date and shall have an initial term running until the Expiration Date, unless sooner terminated. Thereafter, if Registrar seeks to continue its accreditation, it may apply for renewed accreditation, and shall be entitled to renewal provided it meets the ICANN-adopted specification or policy on accreditation criteria then in effect, is in compliance with its obligations under this Agreement, as it may be amended, and agrees to be bound by terms and conditions of the then-current Registrar accreditation agreement (which may differ from those of this Agreement) that ICANN adopts in accordance with Subsection 2.3 and Subsection 4.3. In connection with renewed accreditation, Registrar shall confirm its assent to the terms and conditions of the then-current Registrar accreditation agreement by signing that accreditation agreement. In the event that, during the Term of this Agreement, ICANN posts on its web site an updated form of registrar accreditation agreement applicable to Accredited registrars, Registrar (provided it has not received (1) a notice of breach that it has not cured or (2) a notice of termination of this Agreement under Subsection 5.3 above) may elect, by giving ICANN written notice, to enter an agreement in the updated form in place of this Agreement. In the event of such election, Registrar and ICANN shall promptly sign a new accreditation agreement that contains the provisions of the updated form posted on the web site, with the length of the term of the substituted agreement as stated in the updated form posted on the web site, calculated as if it commenced on the date this Agreement was made, and this Agreement will be deemed terminated.

5.5 Addition or Deletion of TLDs for Which Registrar Accredited. On the Effective Date, Registrar shall be accredited according to Subsection 2.1 for each TLD as to which an appendix executed by both parties is attached to this Agreement. During the Term of this Agreement, Registrar may request accreditation for any additional TLD(s) by signing an additional appendix for each additional TLD in the form prescribed by ICANN and submitting the appendix to ICANN. In the event ICANN agrees to the request, ICANN will sign the additional appendix and return a copy of it to Registrar. The mutually signed appendix shall thereafter be an appendix to this Agreement. During the Term of this Agreement, Registrar may abandon its accreditation for any TLD under this Agreement (provided that Registrar will thereafter remain accredited for at least one TLD under this Agreement) by giving ICANN written notice specifying the TLD as to which accreditation is being abandoned. The abandonment shall be effective thirty days after the notice is given.

5.6 Resolution of Disputes Under this Agreement. Disputes arising under or in connection with this Agreement, including (1) disputes arising from ICANN's failure to renew Registrar's accreditation and (2) requests for specific performance, shall be resolved in a court of competent jurisdiction or, at the election of either party, by an arbitration conducted as provided in this Subsection 5.6 pursuant to the International Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"). The arbitration shall be conducted in English and shall occur in Los Angeles County, California, USA. There shall be three arbitrators: each party shall choose one arbitrator and, if those two arbitrators do not agree on a third arbitrator, the third shall be chosen by the AAA. The parties shall bear the costs of the arbitration in equal shares, subject to the right of the arbitrators to reallocate the costs in their award as provided in the AAA rules. The parties shall bear their own attorneys' fees in connection with the

shall be conducted in English and shall occur in Los Angeles County, California, USA. There shall be three arbitrators: each party shall choose one arbitrator and, if those two arbitrators do not agree on a third arbitrator, the third shall be chosen by the AAA. The parties shall bear the costs of the arbitration in equal shares, subject to the right of the arbitrators to reallocate the costs in their award as provided in the AAA rules. The parties shall bear their own attorneys' fees in connection with the arbitration, and the arbitrators may not reallocate the attorneys' fees in conjunction with their award. The arbitrators shall render their decision within ninety days of the conclusion of the arbitration hearing. In the event Registrar initiates arbitration to contest the appropriateness of termination of this Agreement by ICANN, Registrar may at the same time request that the arbitration panel stay the termination until the arbitration decision is rendered, and that request shall have the effect of staying the termination until the arbitration panel has granted an ICANN request for specific performance and Registrar has failed to comply with such ruling. In the event Registrar initiates arbitration to contest an Independent Review Panel's decision under Subsection 4.3.3 sustaining the Board's determination that a specification or policy is supported by consensus, Registrar may at the same time request that the arbitration panel stay the requirement that it comply with the policy until the arbitration decision is rendered, and that request shall have the effect of staying the requirement until the decision or until the arbitration panel has granted an ICANN request for lifting of the stay. In all litigation involving ICANN concerning this Agreement (whether in a case where arbitration has not been elected or to enforce an arbitration award), jurisdiction and exclusive venue for such litigation shall be in a court located in Los Angeles, California, USA; however, the parties shall also have the right to enforce a judgment of such a court in any court of competent jurisdiction. For the purpose of aiding the arbitration and/or preserving the rights of the parties during the pendency of an arbitration, the parties shall have the right to seek temporary or preliminary injunctive relief from the arbitration panel or in a court located in Los Angeles, California, USA, which shall not be a waiver of this arbitration agreement.

5.7 Limitations on Monetary Remedies for Violations of this Agreement. ICANN's aggregate monetary liability for violations of this Agreement shall not exceed the amount of accreditation fees paid by Registrar to ICANN under Subsection 3.9 of this Agreement. Registrar's monetary liability to ICANN for violations of this Agreement shall be limited to accreditation fees owing to ICANN under this Agreement. In no event shall either party be liable for special, indirect, incidental, punitive, exemplary, or consequential damages for any violation of this Agreement.

5.8 Handling by ICANN of Registrar-Supplied Data. Before receiving any Personal Data from Registrar, ICANN shall specify to Registrar in writing the purposes for and conditions under which ICANN intends to use the Personal Data. ICANN may from time to time provide Registrar with a revised specification of such purposes and conditions, which specification shall become effective no fewer than thirty days after it is provided to Registrar. ICANN shall not use Personal Data provided by Registrar for a purpose or under conditions inconsistent with the specification in effect when the Personal Data was provided. ICANN shall take reasonable steps to avoid uses of the Personal Data by third parties inconsistent with the specification.

5.9 Assignment. Either party may assign or transfer this Agreement only with the prior written consent of the other party, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, except that ICANN may, with the written approval of the United States Department of Commerce, assign this agreement by giving Registrar written notice of the assignment. In the event of assignment by ICANN, the assignee may, with the approval of the United States Department of Commerce, revise the definition of "Consensus Policy" to the extent necessary to meet the organizational circumstances of the assignee, provided the revised definition requires that Consensus Policies be based on a demonstrated consensus of Internet stakeholders.

5.10 No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall not be construed to create any obligation by either ICANN or Registrar to any non-party to this Agreement, including any Registered Name Holder.

5.11 Notices, Designations, and Specifications. All notices to be given under this Agreement shall be given in writing at the address of the appropriate party as set forth below, unless that party has given a notice of change of address in writing. Any notice required by this Agreement shall be deemed to have been properly given when delivered in person, when sent by electronic facsimile with receipt of confirmation of delivery, or when scheduled for delivery by internationally recognized courier service. Designations and specifications by ICANN under this Agreement shall be effective when written notice of them is deemed given to Registrar.

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If to ICANN, addressed to:

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
Registrar Accreditation
4676 Admiralty Way, Suite 330
Marina del Rey, California 90292 USA
Attention: General Counsel
Telephone: 1/310/823-9358
Facsimile: 1/310/823-8649

If to Registrar, addressed to:

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a [organization type and jurisdiction]
[Courier Address]
[Mailing Address]
Attention: [contact person]
Registrar Website URL: [URL]
Telephone: [telephone number]
Facsimile: [fax number]
e-mail: [e-mail address]

5.12 Dates and Times. All dates and times relevant to this Agreement or its performance shall be computed based on the date and time observed in Los Angeles, California, USA.

5.13 Language. All notices, designations, and specifications made under this Agreement shall be in the English language.

5.14 Amendments and Waivers. No amendment, supplement, or modification of this Agreement or any provision hereof shall be binding unless executed in writing by both parties. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be binding unless evidenced by a writing signed by the party waiving compliance with such provision. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any other provision hereof, nor shall any such waiver constitute a continuing waiver unless otherwise expressly provided.

5.15 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

5.16 Entire Agreement. Except to the extent (a) expressly provided in a written agreement executed by both parties concurrently herewith or (b) of written assurances provided by Registrar to ICANN in connection with its Accreditation, this Agreement (including the appendices, which form part of it) constitutes the entire agreement of the parties pertaining to the accreditation of Registrar and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, negotiations and discussions, whether oral or written, between the parties on that subject.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in duplicate by their duly authorized representatives.

INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS

By:_____

[Registrar Name]

By:_____
Name: _____
Title:_____

EXHIBIT B

Statement of Registrar Accreditation Policy
Statement of Minimum Qualifications for Accreditation

(http://www.icann.org/en/registrars/policy_statement.html#IIA)

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Statement of Minimum Qualifications for Accreditation (http://www.icann.org/en/registrars/policy_statement.html#IIA)

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(.com, .net, and .org top-level domains)
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IV. Program for Accreditation of Registrars for Phase 1 (Testbed Phase) of Shared Registration System

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ICANN adopts the following policies concerning accreditation of registrars for the .com, .net, and .org top-level domains (TLDs). The ICANN Board of Directors intends to review the appropriateness of these policies in Spring 2000, to permit them to be improved based on experience ICANN then has with the policies.

The World Intellectual Property Organization is expected to submit to ICANN final recommendations concerning intellectual property issues in mid-1999. ICANN's consideration of those recommendations may result in some modifications to these policies.

In adopting these policies for accreditation of registrars for the .com, .net, and .org TLDs, ICANN notes that some of the terms and conditions of registrar accreditation agreements, as set forth in Section III below, are made appropriate by the circumstances concerning those TLDs and the administration of their registry. ICANN recognizes that different circumstances that may presently apply to other TLDs, or different circumstances that may in the future apply to these TLDs, may make it appropriate for these types of terms and conditions to be included in agreements between the registry administrator and registrars, rather than agreements between ICANN and registrars.

I. Policies Concerning Application Fees and Procedures

For initial applications, the application fee is US$2500 for applicants seeking to be selected as testbed participants and US$1000 for all other applicants. If an applicant applies unsuccessfully to participate in the testbed, the applicant will be considered for regular accreditation without the payment of a further application fee. Renewal application fees will be established later, after experience is gained regarding the time and effort required to process applications.

In processing applications for registrar accreditation, ICANN's goal is that action be taken within thirty days of an application being submitted in complete form, excluding time consumed in obtaining additional information from the applicant. ICANN's President and CEO shall report monthly to the Board on any instances where that goal has been missed.

II. Statement of Minimum Qualifications for Accreditation

An applicant for accreditation must demonstrate that it likely can perform its obligations as registrar by showing in its application for accreditation that it possesses the qualifications set forth in Section II.A below. Even where such a showing is made, ICANN may refuse to accredit a registrar if any of various conditions that reflected negatively on the application arise, as set forth in Section II.B below. In connection with termination of accreditation, ICANN may disqualify a registrar or related persons, either permanently or for a stated period of time, from involvement with accredited registrars, as set forth in Section II.C below.

A. Qualifications

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A. Qualifications

To qualify for accreditation as a registrar, the applicant will be required to:

1. In the case of applicants for initial accreditation, demonstrate to the satisfaction of ICANN current business capabilities (including management, communication, and information systems), or submit information (such as a reasonably detailed business plan) sufficient to show the ability to develop capabilities by the commencement of operation under accreditation that, in ICANN's judgment, are reasonably suited to:

a. Provide the applicant secure, authenticated access to the registry.

b. Provide robust and scalable operations capable of handling the registration volume reasonably projected by applicant.

c. Allow for prompt handling of second-level domain ("SLD") holders' requests for changes in registration data.

d. Achieve a reliable and readily usable daily data backup and archival of all SLD holder and registration data.

e. Maintain electronic copies of all transactions, correspondence, and communications with the SRS for at least the length of a registration contract.

f. Provide procedures for information systems security to prevent malicious or accidental disruption of the applicant's operations.

g. Meet the applicant's obligations under its accreditation agreement.

h. Provide procedures that permit applicant's customers to change registrars without interruption in use of the assigned domain name.

i. Have the capacity to engage a sufficient number of qualified employees to handle the registration, update, and customer inquiry volume reasonably projected by applicant. The equivalent of five full-time employees or more will be deemed sufficient, although a lesser number of employees will be accepted upon a showing that it will be sufficient in the circumstances.

j. Ensure that the registrar's obligations to its customers and to the registry administrator will be fulfilled in the event that the registrar goes out of business, including ensuring that SLD holders will continue to have use of their domain names and that operation of the Internet will not be adversely affected.

Applicants for initial accreditation seeking to demonstrate current business capabilities meeting the above criteria may do so by submitting an independently verified or verifiable description of the applicant's business, such as audited financial statements or annual reports of companies with publicly-traded securities. Applicants for initial accreditation submitting comprehensive business plans to develop capabilities by the commencement of operation under accreditation may do so under appropriate assurances by ICANN of confidentiality of the plans.

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2. In the case of applicants already operating as registrars accredited by ICANN, demonstrate that they are meeting the requirements of 1(a)-(j) in their existing registrar businesses.

3. Offer to agree to have, and demonstrate an ability to obtain, commercial general liability insurance in effect during the accreditation period in an amount sufficient, given the registration volume reasonably projected by applicant, to provide domain-name holders reasonable compensation for losses caused by the applicant's wrongful covered acts. A policy limit in the amount of US$500,000 or more will be deemed sufficient, although a lesser limit will be accepted upon a showing that it provides for reasonable compensation in the circumstances. A certificate of insurance need not accompany the application, but must be presented as a condition of accreditation becoming effective.

4. Demonstrate that it has adequate working capital available for the operation of the registrar business, given the registration volume reasonably projected by applicant. For applicants seeking initial accreditation, demonstration of the ability to procure liquid capital immediately available in the applicant's name at the commencement of the accreditation period in an amount of US$70,000 or more will be deemed adequate, although a lesser amount will be accepted upon a showing that in the circumstances it will provide adequate working capital. Evidence of independent verification of the capital (such as by guaranteed bank loan or by a guaranteed credit line or letter of credit from a recognized financial information) need not accompany the application, but must be presented as a condition of accreditation becoming effective. For applicants with existing registrar businesses, or proposing to convert their existing domain-name reseller businesses to registrar businesses, an independently verified financial statement (such as by an accountant's audit) showing the working capital devoted to the business should be presented with the application.

5. At the time of the application, hold an existing and operational SLD (or third level domain if operating under an ISO-3166 country level domain).

B. Matters Potentially Leading to Ineligibility

ICANN may refuse to accredit an otherwise qualified applicant for any of the following reasons:

1. There is a material misrepresentation, material inaccuracy, or materially misleading statement in the application or any material accompanying the application;

2. Applicant has submitted to ICANN within the past year an accreditation application or material accompanying an accreditation application that ICANN has found to contain a material misrepresentation, material inaccuracy, or materially misleading statement;

3. Applicant, or any officer, director, or manager, or any person or entity owning (or beneficially owning) five percent or more of applicant:

a. within the past ten years, has been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor related to financial activities, or has been judged by a court to have committed fraud or breach of fiduciary duty, or has been the subject of a judicial determination that ICANN deemed as the substantive equivalent of any of these;

b. within the past ten years, has been disciplined by any government or industry regulatory body for conduct involving dishonesty or misuse of the funds of others;

c. is currently involved in any judicial or regulatory proceeding that could result in a conviction, judgment, determination, or discipline of the type specified in (a) or (b); or

d. is the subject of a disqualification imposed by ICANN and in effect at the time the application is considered, as specified immediately below.

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C. Disqualification

To address violations by an accredited registrar or registry administrator of its obligations stated in the accreditation agreement, ICANN may, in accordance with ICANN's procedures, disqualify a registrar or registry administrator, or any officer, director, manager, employee, or owner (including beneficial owners) from being an ICANN-accredited registrar or registry administrator, either permanently or for a stated period of time. As noted in Section II.B.3.d immediately above, disqualification also precludes the subject from certain types of involvement with any ICANN-accredited registrar.

III. Terms and Conditions of Accreditation Agreements

As a condition of obtaining and maintaining ICANN accreditation, registrars must enter and maintain in effect accreditation agreements with ICANN. The terms and conditions of which will be specified in written agreements executed by ICANN and each registrar, in conformity with the following general terms:

The following outline gives the terms of the standard accreditation agreement that is being considered for adoption. This is an outline only, and will be implemented in more detailed contractual language.

The principal provisions of these agreements will include:

A. Accreditation. During the term of the agreement, the registrar will be accredited by ICANN to act as a registrar (including to insert and renew registration of SLDs in the registry) for the .com, .net, and .org TLDs.

B. Registrar Use of ICANN Name. The registrar will be granted a non-exclusive worldwide license to state during the term of the agreement that it is accredited by ICANN as a registrar in the .com, .net, and .org TLDs. No other use of ICANN's name will be covered by the license. This license may not be assigned or sublicensed by the registrar.

C. Submission of SLD Holder Data to Registry. During the term of the agreement:

1. As part of its registration of all SLD registrations in the .com, .net, and .org TLDs, the registrar will submit the following data elements concerning SLD registrations it processes to Network Solutions, Inc. ("NSI") or such other the entity as ICANN may designate as registry administrator for the appropriate TLD:

    a. The name of the SLD being registered;

    b. The Internet Protocol ("IP") addresses of the primary nameserver and any secondary nameservers for the SLD;

    c. The corresponding names of those nameservers;

    d. The identity of the registrar; and

    e. Unless waived by ICANN, the expiration date of the registration.

2. Within two business days after receiving any updates to data elements C.1.b and c from the SLD holder, the registrar will submit the updated data elements to NSI or such other the entity as ICANN may designate as registry administrator for the appropriate TLD.

3. Within ten days of any request by ICANN, the registrar will submit an electronic database containing data elements C.1.a through d for all active records placed by the registrar into the registry, in a format specified by ICANN, to an existing or a substitute registry administrator designated by ICANN for the appropriate TLD. This submission is to allow reconstitution of the registry in the event of a technical failure of the registry or change in accredited registry administrator.

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D. <u>Public Access to Data on SLD Registrations</u>. During the term of the agreement:

    1. At its expense, the registrar will provide public access on a real-time basis (such as through a Whois service) to such data elements as ICANN designates from time to time concerning all active SLD registrations sponsored by the Registrar in the registry for the .com, .net, and .org TLDs. Until ICANN otherwise designates, this data shall consist of:

        a. The name of the SLD being registered;

        b. The Internet Protocol ("IP") addresses of the primary nameserver and any secondary nameservers for the SLD;

        c. The corresponding names of those nameservers;

        d. The identity of the registrar;

        e. The expiration date of the registration;

        f. The name and postal address of the SLD holder;

        g. The name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and where available fax number of the technical contact for the SLD;

        h. The name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and where available fax number of the administrative contact for the SLD;

        i. The name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and where available fax number of the zone contact for the SLD; and

        j. Any remark concerning the registered SLD name that should appear in the Whois data.

    2. Upon receiving any updates to data elements D.1.b through j from the SLD holder, the registrar will promptly update its database used to provide the public access described in Section D.1.

    3. The registrar may subcontract its obligation to provide the public access described in Section D.1 to another entity with ICANN's prior written approval of the subcontractor and the terms and conditions of the subcontract. In the event of subcontracting, Registrar shall remain fully responsible for the proper provision of the access.

    4. In the event that ICANN determines that the real-time public access described in Section D.1 should be provided by an entity other than the registrar, the registrar will provide up-to-date data elements D.i.b through j, in an electronic format specified by ICANN, for all active SLD registrations sponsored by the registrar to the entity designated by ICANN to provide the access. The data will be provided within ten days of ICANN's designation of any such provider. Thereafter, for so long as ICANN's designation of the provider remains in effect, the registrar promptly will provide data elements D.1.a through j for new SLD registrations and updates to registration data to the designated provider, all in an electronic format specified by ICANN. The registrar will bear the cost of providing the data to the designated provider.

    5. To comply with applicable statutes and regulations or for other reasons, ICANN may from time to time establish limits on the data concerning SLD registrations that the registrar may make available to the public. In the event ICANN establishes such limits, the registrar shall abide by them.

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E. Retention of SLD Holder and Registration Data.

> 1. During the term of the accreditation agreement, the registrar will maintain its own electronic database containing updated data elements data elements D.1.a through j for each active SLD registration sponsored by it in the registry for the .com, .net, and .org TLDs.

> 2. During the term of the agreement and for three years thereafter, the registrar will maintain the following records relating to its dealings with registry administrators and SLD holders:

>> a. In electronic form, the submission date and time, and the content, of all registration data (including updates) submitted to the registry;

>> b. In electronic, paper, or microfilm form, all written communications with actual or potential SLD holder-customers, including order templates; and

>> c. In electronic form, records of the accounts of all SLD holder-customers with the registrar, including dates and amounts of all payments and refunds.

> The registrar will make these records available for inspection by ICANN upon reasonable notice.

F. Rights in Data. The registrar will disclaim all rights to ownership or exclusive use of data elements C.1.a through c and D.1.a through c for all SLD registrations submitted by the registrar to any registry. The registrar will be permitted to claim rights in the data elements C.1.d and e and D.1.d through j concerning active SLD registrations sponsored by it in the registry for th .com, .net, and .org TLDs, subject to (1) a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to exercise or have exercised all such rights for or on behalf of ICANN throughout the world, which ICANN may sublicense to any other registrar it accredits in the event this Agreement is terminated or expires without renewal; and (2) a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to make use of and disclose the data elements D.1.a through j in a Whois or similar service. ICANN will have the ability to waive in writing the requirement for the license stated in (2).

G. Data Escrow. During the term of the agreement, on a daily basis or on such other a schedule as ICANN may from time to time specify, the registrar will submit to ICANN or to an independent escrow agent ICANN designates, an electronic copy, in a format specified by ICANN, of the database described in Section E.1 above. The escrowed data will be held by ICANN or the escrow agent under an escrow agreement that specifies that the data may be used only in the event that this Agreement is terminated or expires without renewal.

H. Fair Competition with Other Registrars. The registrar, if it is also a registry administrator for the .com, .net, or .org TLD(s), will abide by the following procedures to ensure that all accredited registrars have equal access to the registry for that TLD:

> 1. The registrar operations of the registry administrator shall not have access to, and will not make any use of, data concerning the expiration date of registrations inserted or last renewed in the registry by other registrars.

> 2. The registrar operations of the registry administrator shall not have earlier or more extensive access than any other registrar to data concerning the level of registry activity (e.g., number of initial registrations inserted, number of renewals, and number of updates) of any other registrar.

> 3. The registry shall be administered so that initial SLD registrations received from accredited registrars are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and so that existing SLD holders may renew their registrations through the accredited registrar of their choice.

> 4. The registry shall be administered to permit any accredited registrar, with SLD-holder authorization, to assume sponsorship of an SLD registration placed or renewed in the registry by another registrar.

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I. <u>Accommodation by Registry Administrator of Privacy Requirements Applicable to Registrars</u>. The registrar, if it is also a registry administrator for the .com, .net, or .org TLD(s), will abide by the following requirements to promote uniform application of fair information practices and to facilitate the submission of SLD registration data to the registry by registrars in a manner that complies with those registrars' privacy obligations to their SLD holders:

    1. The registry administrator shall provide each registrar with notice as to:

        a. The purposes for which data about any identified or identifiable natural person ("Personal Data") to be provided by the registrar are intended;

        b. The recipients or categories of recipients of any Personal Data provided by the registrar; and

        c. How any Personal Data provided by the registrar and maintained in the registry can be accessed and, if necessary, rectified.

    2. The registry administrator shall, in the registrar/registry administrator contract, agree that the registry will not process any Personal Data provided by the registrar in a way incompatible with the purposes and other limitations about which it has provided notice to the registrar.

    3. The registry administrator shall, in the registrar/registry administrator contract, agree that the registry will take reasonable precautions to protect any Personal Data provided by the registrar from loss, misuse, unauthorized access or disclosure, alteration, or destruction.

J. <u>Business Dealings, Including with SLD Holders</u>.

    1. In the event ICANN either adopts or approves any Code of Conduct for DNS Registrars, the registrar will abide by that Code.

    2. The registrar will abide by all applicable laws and governmental regulations.

    3. The registrar will not represent to any actual or potential SLD holder that the registrar enjoys access to a registry for which the registrar is accredited that is superior to that of any other registrar accredited for that registry.

    4. The registrar will not activate any SLD registration unless and until it is satisfied that it has received payment of its registration fee. For this purpose, a charge to a credit card or other mechanism providing a reasonable assurance of payment will be sufficient.

    5. The registrar will register SLDs to SLD holders only for fixed periods. At the conclusion of the registration period, failure to pay a renewal fee within the time specified in a second notice or reminder will result in cancellation of the registration.

    6. The registrar will not insert or renew any SLD name in any registry for which the registrar is accredited in a manner contrary to an ICANN-approved list or specification of excluded SLD names that is in effect at the time of insertion or renewal.

    7. The registrar will require all SLD holders to enter an electronic or paper registration agreement with the registrar including at least the following provisions:

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7. The registrar will require all SLD holders to enter an electronic or paper registration agreement with the registrar including at least the following provisions:

a. The SLD holder shall provide to the registrar accurate and reliable contact details and promptly update them during the term of the SLD registration, including: the full name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and fax number if available of the SLD holder; name of authorized person for contact purposes in the case of an SLD holder that is an organization, association, or corporation; and the data elements listed in Section D.1.b, c, and f through j above.

A SLD holder's willful provision of inaccurate or unreliable information or the willful failure promptly to update information provided to the registrar shall constitute a material breach of the SLD holder-registrar contract and be a basis for cancellation of the SLD registration.

An SLD holder (such as an ISP) may provide its own contact information in connection with an SLD the use of which it intends to license to a third party who wishes to remain anonymous, provided that the technical, administrative, and zone contact information provided is adequate to facilitate timely resolution of any problems that arise in connection with the SLD. An SLD holder licensing use of an SLD according to this provision shall accept liability for harm caused by wrongful use of the SLD, unless it promptly discloses the identity of the licensee to a party providing it reasonable evidence of such harm. [N.B. This provision has been clarified in the posted Registrar Accreditation Agreement.]

b. The registrar shall provide notice to each SLD holder-customer stating:

i. The purposes for which any data collected from the applicant about any identified or identifiable natural person ("Personal Data") are intended;

ii. The intended recipients or categories of recipients of the data (including the registry administrator and others who will receive the data from the registry);

iii. Which data are obligatory and which data, if any, are voluntary; and

iv. How the data subject can access and, if necessary, rectify the data held about them.

c. The SLD holder shall consent to the data processing referred to in Section J.7.b.

d. The SLD holder shall represent that it has provided notice equivalent to that described in Section J.7.b above to any third-party individuals whose Personal Data are supplied to the registrar by the SLD holder, and that the SLD holder has obtained consent equivalent to that referred to in Section J.7.c above of any such third-party individuals.

e. The registrar shall agree that it will not process the Personal Data collected from the SLD holder in a way incompatible with the purposes and other limitations about which it has provided notice to the SLD holder in accordance with Section J.7.b, above.

f. The registrar shall agree that it will take reasonable precautions to protect Personal Data from loss, misuse, unauthorized access or disclosure, alteration, or destruction.

g. The SLD holder shall represent that, to the best of the SLD holder's knowledge and belief, neither the registration of the SLD name nor the manner in which it is directly or indirectly used infringes the legal rights of a third party.

h. For the adjudication of disputes concerning or arising from use of the SLD name, the SLD holder shall submit, without prejudice to other potentially applicable jurisdictions, to the jurisdiction of the courts (1) of the SLD holder's domicile and (2) where the registrar is located.

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7. The registrar will require all SLD holders to enter an electronic or paper registration agreement with the registrar including at least the following provisions:

a. The SLD holder shall provide to the registrar accurate and reliable contact details and promptly update them during the term of the SLD registration, including: the full name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and fax number if available of the SLD holder; name of authorized person for contact purposes in the case of an SLD holder that is an organization, association, or corporation; and the data elements listed in Section D.1.b, c, and f through j above.

A SLD holder's willful provision of inaccurate or unreliable information or the willful failure promptly to update information provided to the registrar shall constitute a material breach of the SLD holder-registrar contract and be a basis for cancellation of the SLD registration.

An SLD holder (such as an ISP) may provide its own contact information in connection with an SLD the use of which it intends to license to a third party who wishes to remain anonymous, provided that the technical, administrative, and zone contact information provided is adequate to facilitate timely resolution of any problems that arise in connection with the SLD. An SLD holder licensing use of an SLD according to this provision shall accept liability for harm caused by wrongful use of the SLD, unless it promptly discloses the identity of the licensee to a party providing it reasonable evidence of such harm. [N.B. This provision has been clarified in the posted Registrar Accreditation Agreement.]

b. The registrar shall provide notice to each SLD holder-customer stating:

i. The purposes for which any data collected from the applicant about any identified or identifiable natural person ("Personal Data") are intended;

ii. The intended recipients or categories of recipients of the data (including the registry administrator and others who will receive the data from the registry);

iii. Which data are obligatory and which data, if any, are voluntary; and

iv. How the data subject can access and, if necessary, rectify the data held about them.

c. The SLD holder shall consent to the data processing referred to in Section J.7.b.

d. The SLD holder shall represent that it has provided notice equivalent to that described in Section J.7.b above to any third-party individuals whose Personal Data are supplied to the registrar by the SLD holder, and that the SLD holder has obtained consent equivalent to that referred to in Section J.7.c above of any such third-party individuals.

e. The registrar shall agree that it will not process the Personal Data collected from the SLD holder in a way incompatible with the purposes and other limitations about which it has provided notice to the SLD holder in accordance with Section J.7.b, above.

f. The registrar shall agree that it will take reasonable precautions to protect Personal Data from loss, misuse, unauthorized access or disclosure, alteration, or destruction.

g. The SLD holder shall represent that, to the best of the SLD holder's knowledge and belief, neither the registration of the SLD name nor the manner in which it is directly or indirectly used infringes the legal rights of a third party.

h. For the adjudication of disputes concerning or arising from use of the SLD name, the SLD holder shall submit, without prejudice to other potentially applicable jurisdictions, to the jurisdiction of the courts (1) of the SLD holder's domicile and (2) where the registrar is located.

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i. The SLD holder shall agree that its registration of the SLD name shall be subject to suspension, cancellation, or transfer by any ICANN procedure, or by any registrar or registry administrator procedure approved by ICANN, (1) to correct mistakes by the registrar or the registry administrator in registering the name or (2) for the resolution of disputes concerning the SLD name.

8. The registrar will, upon notification by any person of an inaccuracy in the contact details associated with a SLD registration sponsored by the registrar, take reasonable steps to verify and correct that inaccuracy.

9. The registrar will maintain in force commercial general liability insurance with policy limits of at least the amount stated in Section II.A.3 above covering liabilities arising from Registrar's registrar business during the term of the agreement.

K. Domain Name Dispute Resolution. During the term of the accreditation agreement, the registrar will have in place a policy and procedure for resolution of disputes concerning SLD names. In the event that ICANN establishes a policy or procedure for resolution of disputes concerning SLD names that by its terms applies to the registrar, the registrar will adhere to the policy or procedure.

L. Accreditation Fees. As a condition of accreditation, the registrar will pay accreditation fees to ICANN. These fees consist of fixed and variable components. Initially, the fixed component for a one-year term will be US$5,000.00. Payment of the fixed component will be due upon execution by the registrar of the initial accreditation agreement and each renewal. The variable component will be based on the number of SLD registrations inserted or renewed in the .com, .net, and .org registries by the registrar on or after July 1, 1999, and will be payable monthly in arrears. Within five days following the end of each month during the term of the agreement beginning July 1999, the registrar will submit an accounting to ICANN stating the sum of the durations (in years) of all of the registrations inserted or renewed in said registry(ies) by the registrar during the month. At the time the accounting is submitted to ICANN, the registrar will pay ICANN an amount computed by multiplying that sum by a charge specified from time to time by ICANN, which will not exceed US$1.00 per registration-year through December 31, 2000. On reasonable notice given by ICANN to the registrar, accountings submitted by the registrar will be subject to verification by an independent audit of the registrar's books and records.

M. Termination of Agreement. The accreditation agreement may be terminated by ICANN before its expiration in any of the following circumstances:

1. The registrar requests termination in writing.

2. There was a material misrepresentation, material inaccuracy, or materially misleading statement in the registrar's application for accreditation or any material accompanying the application.

3. Any of the circumstances of ineligibility for accreditation stated above in Section II.B.3 apply with respect to the registrar or related persons.

4. The registrar fails to cure any breach of the agreement within thirty days after ICANN gives the registrar notice of the breach.

5. The registrar acts in a manner that ICANN reasonably determines endangers the stability and operational integrity of the Internet.

6. The registrar ceases doing business as a registrar.

7. The registrar becomes bankrupt or insolvent.

The accreditation agreement may be terminated in circumstances 1 through 6 above only upon fifteen days notice to the registrar, with the registrar being given an opportunity during that time to initiate arbitration under Section O below to determine the appropriateness of termination. In cases where ICANN reasonably determines that immediate action is urgently required to preserve the stability of the Internet or protect third parties, it may suspend the registrar's accreditation immediately on notice to the registrar for the fifteen-day period or until any requested arbitration is concluded. This Agreement may be terminated immediately upon notice to the registrar in circumstance 7 above.

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N. Term of Agreement; Renewal. The accreditation agreement will have an initial term of one year, unless sooner terminated. If the registrar seeks to continue its accreditation, it may apply for renewed accreditation, and will be entitled to renewal provided it meets the accreditation requirements then in effect. In connection with renewed accreditation, the registrar will confirm its assent to the terms and conditions of the applicable ICANN accreditation agreement prevailing at the time of renewal (which may differ from those of the expiring accreditation agreement) by signing a new accreditation agreement.

O. Resolution of Disputes Under the Accreditation Agreement. Disputes arising under the accreditation agreement, including disputes arising from ICANN's failure to renew a registrar's accreditation, will be resolved by arbitration conducted under the rules of an arbitral body intended for resolution of international disputes. In the event litigation arises involving ICANN concerning the accreditation agreement (such as to enforce an arbitration award), jurisdiction and exclusive venue for such litigation will be in a court located in Los Angeles, California, USA, with the parties also having the right to enforce a judgment of such a court located in Los Angeles in any court of competent jurisdiction.

P. Limitations on Monetary Remedies for Violations of the Agreement. ICANN's aggregate monetary liability for violations of the agreement will not exceed the amount of accreditation fees paid by the registrar to ICANN under the agreement. The registrar's monetary liability to ICANN for violations of the agreement will be limited to accreditation fees owing to ICANN under the agreement. (This limitation will not apply to liabilities arising from any false representations by the registrar as to its accreditation.) In no event will either party be liable for punitive or exemplary damages for any violation of the agreement.

IV. Program for Accreditation of Registrars for Phase 1 (Testbed Phase) of Shared Registration System

All applicants seeking to participate in the phase 1 testbed must meet the accreditation requirements generally applicable to registrars operating in later phases, as described in the Section II above, and enter an accreditation agreement containing the provisions summarized in Section III above. To be considered for participation in the phase 1 testbed, an applicant must specifically note in its application for accreditation its desire to participate in phase 1 and pay the US$2500 application fee described in Section I above to cover the increased cost of handling the application.

In addition, to ensure the success of the phase 1 testbed, registrars participating in phase 1 will be required to enter a supplemental agreement with ICANN by which they commit:

> 1. to provide the enhanced technical and engineering support to necessary to interface with NSI and to collaborate closely with NSI's registry administration operation and other phase 1 registrars;

> 2. to provide ICANN and the U.S. Government operational information in writing concerning the test within thirty days after completion of the test; and

> 3. to give non-participating accredited registrars reasonable access to test results and other relevant technical data through an ICANN organized meeting to be held no later than thirty days after completion of the test.

In the event that more than five qualified applicants seek to participate in phase 1, the participating applicants will be selected by ICANN based on four criteria. The primary criterion for selection will be:

> 1. The applicant's demonstrated technical and business capabilities to support the phase 1 test and its willingness to commit the resources and to collaborate closely, as appropriate, to ensure a successful testing of the SRS.

> Additional criteria that ICANN is considering using in selecting the phase 1 participants are:

> 2. The contribution that the applicant's participation would make to introduction of early, robust competition in registrar services.

> 3. The extent to which the applicant's participation would enhance the availability of registration services in geographical regions or to categories of prospective domain name registrants that would be less adequately served without applicant's participation.

> 4. The extent to which the applicant's participation would promote a diversity of business models (including non-profit models) and types for provision of registrar services.

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Affirmation of Responsibilities for ICANN's Private Sector Management

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ICANN hereby affirms and agrees to be guided by the following responsibilities:

1. Security and Stability: ICANN shall coordinate, at the overall level, the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers, and in particular to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems.

2. Transparency: ICANN shall continue to develop, test and improve processes and procedures to encourage improved transparency, accessibility, efficiency, and timeliness in the consideration and adoption of policies related to technical coordination of the Internet DNS, and funding for ICANN operations. ICANN will innovate and aspire to be a leader in the area of transparency for organizations involved in private sector management.

3. Accountability: ICANN shall continue to develop, test, maintain, and improve on accountability mechanisms to be responsive to global Internet stakeholders in the consideration and adoption of policies related to the technical coordination of the Internet DNS, including continuing to improve openness and accessibility for enhanced participation in ICANN's bottom-up participatory policy development processes.

4. Root Server Security and Relationships: ICANN shall continue to coordinate with the operators of root name servers and other appropriate experts with respect to the operational and security matters, both physical and network, relating to the secure and stable coordination of the root zone; ensure appropriate contingency planning, maintain clear processes in root zone changes. ICANN will work to formalize relationships with root name server operators.

5. TLD Management: ICANN shall maintain and build on processes to ensure that competition, consumer interests, and Internet DNS stability and security issues are identified and considered in TLD management decisions, including the consideration and implementation of new TLDs and the introduction of IDNs. ICANN will continue to develop its policy development processes, and will further develop processes for taking into account recommendations from ICANN's advisory committees and supporting organizations and other relevant expert advisory panels and organizations. ICANN shall continue to enforce existing policy relating to WHOIS, such existing policy requires that ICANN implement measures to maintain timely, unrestricted and public access to accurate and complete WHOIS information, including registrant, technical, billing and administrative contact information. ICANN shall continue its efforts to achieve stable agreements with country-code top-level domain (ccTLD) operators.

6. Multi-stakeholder Model: ICANN shall maintain and improve multi-stakeholder model and the global participation of all stakeholders, including conducting reviews of its existing advisory committees and supporting organizations, and will continue to further the effectiveness of the bottom-up policy development processes. ICANN will strive to increase engagement with the Private Sector by developing additional mechanisms for involvement of those affected by the ICANN policies.

7. Role of Governments: ICANN shall work with the Government Advisory Committee Members to review the GAC's role within ICANN so as to facilitate effective consideration of GAC advice on the public policy aspects of the technical coordination of the Internet.

8. IP Addressing: ICANN shall continue to work collaboratively on a global and regional level so as to incorporate Regional Internet Registries' policy-making activities into the ICANN processes while allowing them to continue their technical work. ICANN shall continue to maintain legal agreements with the RIRs (and such other appropriate organizations) reflecting this work.

9. Corporate Responsibility: ICANN shall maintain excellence and efficiency in operations, including good governance, organizational measures to maintain stable, international private sector organization, and shall maintain relevant technical and business experience for members of the Board of Directors, executive management, and staff. ICANN will implement appropriate mechanisms that foster participation in ICANN by global Internet stakeholders, such as providing educational services and fostering information sharing for constituents and promoting best practices among industry segments.

10. Corporate Administrative Structure: ICANN shall conduct a review of, and shall make necessary changes in, corporate administrative structure to ensure stability, including devoting adequate resources to contract enforcement, taking into account organizational and corporate governance "best practices."

Registrar Accreditation Agreement (http://www.icann.org/en/registrars/ra-agreement-21may09-en.htm)

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