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RE: NOTICE OF BREACH OF REGISTRAR ACCREDITATION AGREEMENT

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Dear ZhengZeng Zhou,

Please be advised that as of 30 April 2018, Beijing Midwest Taian Technology Services Ltd. ("Beijing Midwest Taian") is in breach of its 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") dated 30 August 2013 ("RAA"). This breach results from:

1. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to timely pay past due accreditation fees, as required by Section 3.9 of the RAA.

Please refer to the attachment for details regarding this breach.

In addition, Beijing Midwest Taian has been deemed noncompliant in the following areas:

1. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to provide an interactive webpage and a port 43 Whois service providing free public query-based access to up-to-date data concerning all active registered names sponsored by Beijing Midwest Taian for each top-level domain ("TLD") in which it is accredited, as required by Section 3.3.1 of the RAA;
2. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to escrow gTLD registration data, as required by Section 3.6 of the RAA;
3. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to display Beijing Midwest Taian's deletion and auto-renewal policies on Beijing Midwest Taian's website, as required by Section 3.7.5.5 of the RAA;
4. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to publish on Beijing Midwest Taian's website(s) and/or provide a link on its website to the Registrants' Benefits and Responsibilities Specification, as required by Section 3.7.10 of the RAA;

5. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to provide current documentation demonstrating Beijing Midwest Taian is in good standing, as required by Section 3.17 and Section 6 of the Registrar Information Specification ("RIS") of the RAA;
6. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to publish its correspondence address on Beijing Midwest Taian's website, as required by Section 3.17 and Section 7 of the RIS of the RAA;
7. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to publish the full name and position of all officers of the registrar on Beijing Midwest Taian's website, as required by Section 3.17 of the RAA and Section 17 of the RIS of the RAA;
8. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to publish an email address to receive abuse reports on the home page of Beijing Midwest Taian's website, as required by Section 3.18.1 of the RAA;
9. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to publish on its website a description of Beijing Midwest Taian's procedures for the receipt, handling and tracking of abuse reports, as required by Section 3.18.3 of the RAA;
10. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to clearly display on Beijing Midwest Taian's website, and include a link in its registration agreement to, its renewal fees, post-expiration renewal fees (if different) and redemption/restore fees, as required by Section 4.1 of the Expired Registration Recovery Policy ("ERRP"); and
11. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to provide on Beijing Midwest Taian's website and in its registration agreement, a description of the methods used to deliver pre- and post-expiration notifications, as required by Section 4.2 of the ERRP.

Additional Concerns

Beijing Midwest Taian's contact information needs to be updated.

Additionally, ICANN is unable to currently confirm compliance of Beijing Midwest Taian's Whois format due to the unavailability of its Whois services. Section 1.4 of the Registration Data Directory Service (Whois) Specification ("Whois Specification") of the RAA requires registrars to display domain name data in a specified format for Whois query responses. The format of responses shall contain all the elements and follow a semi-free text format outlined in Section 1.4 of the Whois Specification. Additional specifications to the format of Whois query responses are contained in the Advisory: Clarifications to the Registry Agreement, and the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) regarding applicable Registration Data Directory Service (Whois) Specifications ("Clarifications") and the Additional Whois Information Policy ("AWIP"). Section 4.1 of the RAA requires registrars to comply with and implement all Consensus Policies, including the AWIP.

ICANN requests that Beijing Midwest Taian cure these breaches by 21 May 2018, 21 days from the date of this letter, by taking the following actions:

1. Provide an interactive webpage and a port 43 Whois service providing free public query-based access to up-to-date data concerning all active registered names sponsored by Beijing Midwest Taian for each TLD in which it is accredited;
2. Deposit gTLD registration data on a weekly basis to an approved escrow agent and ensure that the deposits meet the required specifications;
3. Publish Beijing Midwest Taian's deletion and auto-renewal policies details on Beijing Midwest Taian's website;
4. Publish on Beijing Midwest Taian's website(s) and/or provide a link on its website to the Registrants' Benefits and Responsibilities Specification;
5. Provide ICANN with current documentation demonstrating Beijing Midwest Taian is in good standing;
6. Publish on Beijing Midwest Taian's website the correspondence address of Beijing Midwest Taian, as specified in the RIS, or, update Beijing Midwest Taian's RIS form to reflect the correspondence address published on Beijing Midwest Taian's website;
7. Publish on Beijing Midwest Taian's website the full name and position of all officers of Beijing Midwest Taian, as specified in the RIS;
8. Publish an email address to receive abuse reports on the home page of Beijing Midwest Taian's website;
9. Publish a description of Beijing Midwest Taian's procedures for the receipt, handling and tracking of abuse reports on Beijing Midwest Taian's website;
10. Clearly display renewal fees, post-expiration renewal fees (if different) and redemption/restore fees on Beijing Midwest Taian's website and provide a link to the renewal fees, post-expiration renewal fees (if different) and redemption/restore fees in Beijing Midwest Taian's registration agreement;
11. Provide a description of the methods used to deliver pre- and post-expiration notifications on Beijing Midwest Taian's website, and include a description of its notification methods or a link to the applicable page(s) on its website where this information is available in Beijing Midwest Taian's registration agreements;
12. Display domain name data in the specified response format, as required by Section 1.4 of the Whois Specification, Clarifications and AWIP;
13. Provide ICANN with the corrective and preventative action(s) that Beijing Midwest Taian will take, with implementation date(s), to ensure:

- a. timely and complete response to ICANN Contractual Compliance matters;
- b. Beijing Midwest Taian' contact information is up to date; and
- c. timely payment of fees; and

14. Pay all past and currently due accreditation fees.

If Beijing Midwest Taian fails to timely cure the breaches and provide the information requested by 21 May 2018, ICANN may commence the RAA termination process.

If you have questions or require assistance, please contact Jennifer Scott at jennifer.scott@icann.org.

Sincerely,



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Cc: John O. Jeffrey, General Counsel and Secretary

ATTACHMENT

Failure to pay accreditation fees

Section 3.9 of the RAA requires registrars to timely pay accreditation fees to ICANN, consisting of yearly and variable fees. Beijing Midwest Taian owes ICANN past due accreditation fees, in breach of Section 3.9 of the RAA.

Failure to provide an interactive webpage and port 43 Whois service

Section 3.3.1 of the RAA requires registrars to provide an interactive webpage and a port 43 Whois service providing free public query-based access to up-to-date data concerning all active registered names sponsored by the registrar. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to provide an interactive webpage and port 43 Whois service is a breach of Section 3.3.1 of the RAA.

Failure to escrow gTLD registration data

Section 3.6 of the RAA requires registrars to submit an electronic copy of the data described in Sections 3.4.1.2 through 3.4.1.5 of the RAA to ICANN, or at the registrar's expense, to a reputable escrow agent mutually approved by the registrar and ICANN. Registrars shall submit the data on a schedule, under the terms, and in a format specified by ICANN. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to deposit gTLD registration data with an approved escrow agent under the required schedule and terms is a breach of Section 3.6 of the RAA.

Failure to publish deletion and auto-renewal policies on website

Section 3.7.5.5 of the RAA requires registrars that operate a website for domain name registration or renewal to clearly display details of the registrar's deletion and auto-renewal policies on the registrar's website. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to clearly display its deletion and auto-renewal policies on its website is a breach of Section 3.7.5.5 of the RAA.

Failure to publish on Beijing Midwest Taian's website(s) and/or provide a link to the Registrants' Benefits and Responsibilities Specification

Section 3.7.10 of the RAA requires registrars to publish on its website(s) and/or provide a link on its website to the Registrants' Benefits and Responsibilities Specification attached to the RAA. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to publish on its website or provide a link on its website to the Registrants' Benefits and Responsibilities Specification is a breach of Section 3.7.10 of the RAA.

Failure to provide ICANN with current documentation of legal status

Section 3.17 of the RAA requires registrars to maintain and provide to ICANN the information specified in the RIS, including current documentation demonstrating the registrar entity is legally established and in good standing. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to provide ICANN with current

documentation demonstrating it is in good standing is a breach of Section 3.17 of the RAA and Section 6 of the RIS.

Failure to publish registrar's correspondence address on registrar's website

Section 3.17 of the RAA requires registrars to maintain and provide to ICANN the information specified in the RIS. In addition, registrars must publish on each website through which it provides or offers registrar services, the information specified in the RIS as requiring publication. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to publish its RIS correspondence address on Beijing Midwest Taian's website is a breach of Section 3.17 of the RAA and Section 7 of the RIS.

Failure to publish the full name and position of all officers on registrar's website

Section 3.17 of the RAA requires registrars to maintain and provide to ICANN the information specified in the RIS. In addition, registrars must publish on each website through which it provides or offers registrar services, the information specified in the RIS as requiring publication. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to publish the full name and position of all of its officers on its website is a breach of Section 3.17 of the RAA and Section 17 of the RIS.

Failure to publish an email address to receive reports of abuse

Section 3.18.1 of the RAA requires registrars to publish on the home page of their website an email address to receive abuse reports. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to publish an email address on the home page of its website to receive abuse reports is a breach of Section 3.18.1 of the RAA.

Failure to publish a description of procedures for receipt, handling and tracking of abuse reports

Section 3.18.3 of the RAA requires registrars to publish on their website a description of their procedures for the receipt, handling and tracking of abuse reports. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to publish a description of its procedures for the receipt, handling and tracking of abuse reports on its website is a breach of Section 3.18.3 of the RAA.

Failure to clearly display renewal fees, post-expiration renewal fees (if different) and redemption/restore fees on registrar's website and in registration agreement

Section 4.1 of the ERRP requires registrars to make their renewal fees, post-expiration renewal fees (if different) and redemption/restore fees reasonably available to RNHs and prospective RNHs at the time of registration of a gTLD name. At a minimum, these fees must be clearly displayed on the registrar's website and a link to these fees must be included in the registrar's registration agreement. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to provide a link in its registration agreement or clearly display these fees on its website is a breach of Section 4.1 of the ERRP.

Failure to describe the methods used to deliver pre- and post-expiration notifications

Section 4.2 of the ERRP requires registrars to describe on their websites (if used), and include in their registration agreements a description of its notification methods or a link to the applicable page(s) on their websites where this information is available, the methods used to deliver pre- and post-expiration notifications for renewal of domain registrations. Beijing Midwest Taian's failure to describe these notifications on its website and in its registration agreement is a breach of Section 4.2 of the ERRP.

Chronology:

Date of Notice	Deadline for Response	Details
8-Jan-2018 24-Jan-2018 23-Feb-2018	N/A	ICANN sent detailed customer statements to Beijing Midwest Taian regarding past due fees.
22-Mar-2018	N/A	Beijing Midwest Taian's past due fees were referred to ICANN Contractual Compliance.
27-Mar-2018	3-Apr-2018	ICANN sent 1st compliance notice via email to xiuxia.wang@xirang.com and zhouzhengfeng@btte.net . No response received from Registrar.
6-Apr-2018	13-Apr-2018	ICANN sent 2nd compliance notice via email to xiuxia.wang@xirang.com and zhouzhengfeng@btte.net . No response received from registrar.
11-Apr-2018	13-Apr-2018	ICANN resent 2nd compliance notice via email to xiuxia.wang@xirang.com and zhouzhengfeng@btte.net . No response received from Registrar.
16-Apr-2018	N/A	ICANN called Primary Contact at +86 10 5220 6838. No answer and no ability to leave message. ICANN called Registrar Representative at +86 10 5223 9199 and at mobile number [NUMBER REDACTED]. No answer and no ability to leave messages. ICANN called Registrar Representative at mobile number [NUMBER REDACTED] and provided complaint details.
17-Apr-2018	24-Apr-2018	ICANN sent 3rd compliance notice via email to xiuxia.wang@xirang.com and zhouzhengfeng@btte.net .
17-Apr-2018	N/A	ICANN sent 3rd compliance notice via fax to +86 10 5220 6804. Fax unsuccessful.
17-Apr-2018	N/A	Email received from Registrar (lei.tan@xirang.com) insufficient to demonstrate compliance.
18-Apr-2018	24-Apr-2018	ICANN sent follow up compliance notice via email to xiuxia.wang@xirang.com , zhouzhengfeng@btte.net and lei.tan@xirang.com . No response received from Registrar.
23-Apr-2018	N/A	ICANN called Registrar Representative at mobile number [NUMBER REDACTED] and provided complaint details.

Date of Notice	Deadline for Response	Details
27-Apr-2018	N/A	ICANN conducted compliance check to determine other areas of non-compliance.
30-Apr-2018	N/A	To date, the Registrar has not made payment or responded to ICANN with the requested information and the issue remains unresolved.