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March 2, 2009

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Re: Assignment of .name Registry Agreement

Dear John,

As requested by your letter of January 12, 2009, enclosed please find a copy of the Assignment and Assumption Agreement pursuant to which the .name Registry Agreement has been formally assigned from the Global Name Registry Limited ("GNR") to VeriSign Information Services, Inc. ("VeriSign").

As requested in your letter of January 12, 2009, the Assignment and Assumption Agreement includes an acknowledgement that ICANN's consent to the assignment does not waive any rights ICANN may have to take action with respect to any prior breaches of the agreement by GNR.

Because VeriSign has now assumed the role of the .name registry, pursuant to Section 10.1.2 of the .name Registry Registrar Agreement between GNR and each .name registrar, GNR's rights under each and every one of the .name Registry Registrar Agreements has been automatically assigned to VeriSign as the assignee of the .name Registry Agreement. Pursuant to Section 7.1(a) of the .name Registry Registrar Agreement, I have attached clean and marked versions of an updated .name Registry Registrar Agreement which has been revised to reflect the change to VeriSign along with a corresponding change in the governing law clause. Please replace the previous version of the .name Registry Registrar agreement with the clean copy on the ICANN website as Appendix 8 to the .name Registry Agreement as we will commence using this version immediately. We continue to review the .name Registry Registrar Agreement to determine the need for any substantive changes and may submit such changes, if any, in the near future, but we did not want to delay the posting of a Registry Registrar Agreement reflecting the change to VeriSign.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 703-948-4524.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Spencer
Vice President and Associate General Counsel

cc: Kurt Pritz, SVP Services, ICANN
Craig Schwartz, Chief gTLD Registry Liaison, ICANN
Barbara Steele

Assignment and Assumption of .name Registry Agreement

This Assignment and Assumption of .name Registry Agreement (the "Agreement") entered into as of 15 August 2007, by and between Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation ("ICANN"), and The Global Name Registry Limited, a private limited company incorporated in England and Wales under the Company Number 4076112 ("TGNR") is entered into as of the date of the last signature hereto ("Effective Date") by and among TGNR and VeriSign Information Services, Inc., a Delaware Corporation with offices at 21355 Ridgetop Circle, Dulles, VA 20166 ("VeriSign"). Each party shall be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2009, ICANN consented to the assignment of the Agreement to VeriSign subject to (i) VeriSign's agreement to assume and perform all obligations of TGNR under the Agreement and (ii) the Parties' acknowledgement that ICANN's consent to the assignment does not waive any rights ICANN may have to take action with respect to any prior breaches of the agreement by TGNR; and

WHEREAS, the Parties hereby agree to the assignment of the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein and for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

The Parties hereby agree to the transfer and assignment by TGNR of all of its rights, title and interest in and to the Agreement to VeriSign.

VeriSign hereby accepts the assignment of the Agreement and assumes all liabilities of TGNR relating thereto, whether contingent or accrued, and agrees to assume and perform all of the obligations of TGNR under the Agreement.

The Parties hereby agree that VeriSign shall be substituted for TGNR for purposes of the Agreement.


The Parties hereby acknowledge that ICANN's consent to the assignment does not waive any rights ICANN may have to take action with respect to any prior breaches of the Agreement by TGNR

The Parties each hereby agree on demand to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all further documents and instruments, and to do and cause to be done all such further acts, reasonably requested by the other Party to evidence and/or in any manner to perfect the transfer and assignment to VeriSign of the Agreement.

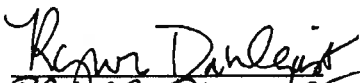
This Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Assignment and Assumption Agreement to be executed and delivered effective as of the 28th day of February 2009

THE GLOBAL NAME REGISTRY LIMITED

By: 
Name: ALF THUVESSEN
Title: DIRECTOR

VERISIGN INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.

By: 
Name: RAGNAR DAHLQVIST
Title: SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT