Google Registry

October 8, 2018

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
12025 Waterfront Drive, Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90094
Attention: New gTLD Program Staff

RE: Request for Exemption from Registry Operator Code of Conduct – **MEET**

To Whom It May Concern:

Charleston Road Registry Inc., d/b/a Google Registry, a subsidiary of Google LLC, ("Registry Operator"), in connection with the execution of the Registry Agreement for the **.meet** TLD ("Registry Agreement"), hereby requests an exemption from the obligations of the Registry Operator Code of Conduct set forth in Specification 9 to the Registry Agreement ("Code of Conduct"). Pursuant to such a request, Registry Operator confirms that each of the following statements is true and correct (collectively, referred to as the "Statements"):

1. All domain name registrations in the TLD are registered to and maintained by Registry Operator for the exclusive use of Registry Operator or its Affiliates (as defined in the Registry Agreement);

2. Registry Operator does not sell, distribute, or transfer control or use of any registrations in the TLD to any third party that is not an Affiliate of Registry Operator; and

3. Application of the Code of Conduct to the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest for the following reasons:

> The TLD would provide Google with the opportunity to extend the Google brand and reputation through the management of a dedicated domain name space for Hangouts Meet, Google's enterprise videoconferencing product.

> Since the only registrants will be Registry Operator and its Affiliates, there is no need for a Code of Conduct to protect other registrants.

> Granting the Exemption Request will not materially affect third parties, nor will it be perceived as unfair to the general Internet community. To the contrary, Registry Operator's use of the TLD will provide Google with the opportunity to distinguish the web spaces it owns and operates from other spaces online, making it easier for Internet users to more efficiently locate Google products and services. The TLD will provide a trusted and user-friendly environment where domain names and content related to the TLD can flourish. Users will be able to clearly identify and select specific sites based on their preferences and readily experience the level of service and content quality they expect from Google.

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Through its association with Google, Registry Operator is uniquely positioned to enable and support the TLD by providing its service reliability and speed of delivery as a part of its services. Google brings unique expertise and a proven record of excellence in infrastructure operations: Google now runs the biggest DNS system in the world; has industry-leading uptime on its services, such as web search; and offers enterprise services on which governments and businesses depend.

Registry Operator and Google, as the registry and registrant, will take great care to ensure that users' needs are served and that users receive the high level of quality, speed, and service for which Google is known. The TLD furthermore facilitates an improved online user experience through greater structure and categorization on the Internet.

Registry Operator represents that the registration policies attached hereto as Exhibit A are a true and correct copy of the Registry Operator's registration policies for the TLD. Registry Operator agrees that if Registry Operator makes any changes to its registration policies that may impact eligibility for a Code of Conduct Exemption (whether before or after an exemption has been granted), it will promptly provide ICANN with a revised set of registration policies.

Registry Operator acknowledges and agrees that in the event that any of the foregoing Statements becomes untrue (including after ICANN has granted an exemption pursuant to this exemption request), any Code of Conduct exemption granted by ICANN to Registry Operator for the TLD shall immediately expire, and Registry Operator shall (i) immediately notify ICANN specifying in reasonable detail the circumstances causing any of the Statements to be untrue and (ii) immediately comply with the Code of Conduct.

Registry Operator further acknowledges and agrees that ICANN may revoke this exemption at any time based upon evidence reasonably satisfactory to ICANN that the Statements have become untrue.

In the event that ICANN provides notice that it has revoked this exemption, Registry Operator shall immediately comply with the Code of Conduct.

Questions about this request should be directed to █████████████████████████████████.

Sincerely,

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Registry Primary Contact
Google Registry

Exhibit A

Registry Operator hereby acknowledges that the following are the true and correct registration policies:

Domain names may only be registered to Google Inc. and its affiliates, including Charleston Road Registry Inc. Any registrant of a letter/letter two-character ASCII label represents that it will take steps to ensure against misrepresenting or falsely implying that the registrant or its business is affiliated with a government or country-code manager if such affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement does not exist.