Amendment to Registry Agreements

THIS AMENDMENT ("Amendment"), effective as of ______________________ ("Amendment Effective Date"), is made by and between the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") and Registry Services, LLC ("Registry Operator"), and shall amend the Registry Agreement for certain top-level domains ("TLDs") in the manner as further detailed and described herein.

WHEREAS, Registry Operator (i) is party to the Registry Agreements identified in Appendix I (each, a "Registry Agreement") and (ii) is the Registry Operator of those TLDs identified in Appendix I to this Amendment, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of the mutual of convenience of the parties, in lieu of executing an individual amendment to the Registry Agreement for each individual TLD identified in Appendix I, the parties hereby desire to consolidate the modifications as provided in this Amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

1. Registry Operator represents it has proper authority to execute this Amendment for the purposes intended.

2. The Registry Agreement for those TLDs identified in Appendix I shall be amended in the manner set forth below as the amendment number provided in Appendix I.

3. The parties hereby agree to amend Exhibit A of each of the Registry Agreements identified in Appendix I by deleting the following sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 in their entirety:

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“2. Searchable Whois

Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, Registry Operator must offer a searchable Whois service compliant with the requirements described in Section 1.10 of Specification 4 of this Agreement. Registry Operator shall use rate-limiting to prevent abuse of the searchable Whois service.

3. Specification 11 Registry Services

The following are descriptions of the Registry Services listed in Specification 11:

3.1. Anti-Abuse

Registry Operator may suspend, delete or otherwise make changes to domain names in compliance with its anti-abuse policy.

4. Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

Registry Operator may offer registration of IDNs at the second and lower levels provided that Registry Operator complies with the following requirements:

4.1. Registry Operator must offer Registrars support for handling IDN registrations in EPP.
4.2. Registry Operator must handle variant IDNs as follows:

4.2.1. Variant IDNs (as defined in the Registry Operator's IDN tables and IDN Registration Rules) will be blocked from registration.

4.3. Registry Operator may offer registration of IDNs in the following languages/scripts (IDN Tables and IDN Registration Rules will be published by the Registry Operator as specified in the ICANN IDN Implementation Guidelines):

4.3.1. Spanish Language

4.3.2. German Language

4.3.3. French Language

5. Minds and Machines Protected Mark List

5.1. The Minds and Machines Protected Mark List (MPML) is a service that allows trademark rights holders to have the Registry Operator withhold from registration across multiple TLDs operated by the Registry Operator domain names based on the labels listed in a valid SMD file issued by an ICANN-authorized trademark validator.

5.2. The Registry Operator must validate that the SMD continues to be valid at the time of withholding domain names, and, if the SMD is no longer valid, the domains names must not be withheld.

5.3. The withheld names must comply with the provisions described in Specification 5, Section 3.3 of the Registry Agreement.

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6. Bulk Transfer After Partial Portfolio Acquisition

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At least fifteen days before completing a BTAPPA, the losing registrar must provide to all domain name registrants for names involved in the bulk transfer, written notice of the bulk change of sponsorship. The notice must include an explanation of how the Whois record will change after the bulk transfer occurs, and customer support and technical contact information of the gaining registrar.

If a domain is transferred under the BTAPPA service during any applicable registry grace period, there is no credit. The expiration dates of transferred registrations are not affected.

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Registry Operator has discretion to reject a BTAPPA request if there is reasonable evidence that a transfer under BTAPPA is being requested in order to avoid fees otherwise due to Registry Operator or ICANN, or if a registrar with common ownership or management or both has already requested BTAPPA service within the preceding six-month period.

7. Registry Lock

Registry Operator may offer the Registry Lock service, which is a registry service that allows an authorized representative from the sponsoring Registrar to request the activation or deactivation of any of the following EPP statuses: serverUpdateProhibited, serverDeleteProhibited and/or serverTransferProhibited."

The parties hereby further agree to amend Exhibit A of each of the Registry Agreements identified in Appendix I by replacing the deleted sections above with the following new text as new sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6:

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Each party hereby acknowledges and agrees that this Amendment shall not be construed as a waiver of any provision of the Registry Agreements by any party hereto, nor shall it in any way affect the validity of, or the right of any party hereto, to enforce the provisions of the Registry Agreements. The parties agree that, except as set forth in this Amendment and any prior duly authorized and executed amendments, the current terms and conditions of each Registry Agreement will remain in full force and effect. All capitalized terms not defined will have the meaning given to them in each Registry Agreement. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of such counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS

By: __________________________
Theresa Swinehart
Senior Vice President, Global Domains and Strategy

Registry Services, LLC

By: __________________________
Nicolai Bezsonoff
Vice President
APPENDIX I

List of Registry Agreements to be Amended

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