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Subject: Termination of the Registry Agreement for .NORTHWESTERNMUTUAL

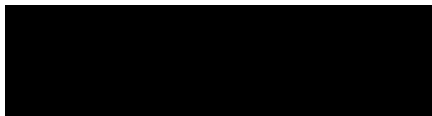
Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the .NORTHWESTERNMUTUAL Registry Agreement executed by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") and Northwestern Mutual Registry, LLC ("NM") dated June 18, 2015, NM hereby notifies ICANN of the termination of the .NORTHWESTERNMUTUAL Registry Agreement.

Further, NM respectfully requests that ICANN not transition the .NORTHWESTERNMUTUAL registry to a third party and that ICANN does not delegate .NORTHWESTERNMUTUAL to a successor registry operator following the termination date pursuant to Section 4.5 and Specification 13, Section 6 of the .NORTHWESTERNMUTUAL Registry Agreement, respectively, given the following:

- NM in its function as the Registry Operator, does not sell, distribute, or transfer control of use of any registrations in the .NORTHWESTERNMUTUAL to third parties;
- NM holds intellectual property rights for "Northwestern Mutual"; and
- Transitioning operation of the .NORTHWESTERNMUTUAL TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.

NM acknowledges a Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement upon 180 calendar days advance notice to ICANN. NM requests that ICANN initiate and complete the termination process as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Ray Manista,
EVP & Chief Legal/Compliance Officer
Northwestern Mutual Registry, LLC