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Dear Paul and Tina:

This letter represents Afilias' request for authorization to begin accepting internationalized domain names (IDN) registrations containing hyphens in the third and fourth positions, pursuant to Appendix K, Part C to the Registry Agreement between Afilias and ICANN.

At its Rio de Janeiro meeting, the ICANN Board authorized the President of ICANN to issue authorizations on the basis of a set of consensus Guidelines for Implementation of IDNs under discussion by the leading IDN registries. As you know, Afilias has actively participated in the drafting of these consensus Guidelines, and we are pleased to support the Guidelines in respect of our future IDN offerings. Recognizing that the Internet community will gain experience with IDN registration policies and procedures as the deployment of IDN services proceeds, we also commit to cooperate with our peer registries and ICANN in good faith to review the Guidelines at regular intervals over the coming years.

Best regards,

Afilias Limited



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