

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

by and between

**The Forum**

**and**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (“Registry Operator”)**

 **Registry Name**

1. Whereas:

1. The Forum has developed a model registration eligibility dispute resolution policy (“REDRP”) for new top-level domains (“TLDs”) in the domain name system;
2. Each new TLD registry in the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers’ (“ICANN”) New gTLD Program may optionally impose registration requirements or restrictions on registration of domain names in new TLDs and may optionally provide a dispute resolution policy for policing those requirements or restrictions; and
3. Registry Operator desires the Forum to provide services to resolve disputes services related to the registration requirements or restrictions for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ top level domain (“TLD”).

2. Now therefore, the Forum and Registry Operator agree as follows:

1. Registry Operator hereby designates the Forum as, and the FORUM agrees to act as, a provider of REDRP services.
2. In connection with the provision of REDRP services, the Forum shall:
3. provide uniform REDRP services in accordance with the REDRP and the REDRP Rules (“Rules”), found at http://domains.adrforum.com, as may be amended from time to time, to provide uniformity of the proceedings;
4. develop and maintain procedures necessary to facilitate the REDRP; provided that such procedures do not contravene or be inconsistent with the REDRP or REDRP Rules;
5. select each Panelist and ensure that each member of a Panel is properly qualified, including by ensuring that each such person has an understanding of global intellectual property and domain name issues as they relate to the Internet;
6. ensure that all REDRP Decisions are publicly posted and searchable;
7. establish and maintain a conflicts of interest policy and procedure designed to identify and prevent conflicts of interest among Panelists and complainants and respondents in REDRP proceedings;
8. establish and maintain procedures and processes for efficient communications with parties to a REDRP proceeding and relevant registries and registrars;
9. provide REDRP services on a reasonable and cost effective basis; and
10. provide Registry Operator with REDRP statistics related to the TLD at issue upon a reasonable request.
11. In connection with the receipt of REDRP services, Registry Operator shall:
12. timely comply with all REDRP-related requests made by the Forum as required under the REDRP and Rules, including requests for the verification or locking of a domain name;

ii. timely comply with Panel Decisions made under the REDRP; and

iii. refrain from interfering or attempting to interfere with the Panel’s decision-making.

1. The Forum will serve as a neutral dispute resolution administrator with respect to REDRP-related disputes filed under this Memorandum of Understanding and Forum-appointed Panelists will serve as neutral decision makers. This Memorandum of Understanding does not alter the fundamental neutrality of the Forum or its appointed Panelists with respect to the parties to REDRP-related proceedings filed with the Forum.
2. In the event that, in Registry Operator’s view, the Forum fails to comply with the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding, the REDRP or the REDRP Rules, Registry Operator may terminate the FORUM’s status as a REDRP service provider with 30 days written notice; Registry Operator may terminate the Forum’s status as a REDRP service provider for any other reason with 60 days written notice.
3. In the event that, in the Forum’s view, Registry Operator repeatedly fails to comply with requests made under the REDRP, or repeatedly fails to comply with the remedies ordered by a Panel under the REDRP, the Forum may terminate this MoU by providing Registry Operator with 30 days written notice; if the Forum chooses to no longer provide REDRP services for any other reason, the Forum may terminate this MoU by providing Registry Operator with 180 days written notice.

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