Response to Documentary Information Disclosure Policy Request

To: James Bridle

Date: 27 May 2015

Re: Request No. 20150427-1

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Thank you for your Request for Information dated 27 April 2015 (the "Request"), which was submitted through the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers' (ICANN) Documentary Information Disclosure Policy (DIDP) on behalf of the Centre for Internet & Society. For reference, a copy of your Request is attached to the email forwarding this Response.

Items Requested

Your Request seeks the disclosure of "any and all documents available which relate to the delegation and operation of the .io domain, including correspondence between ICANN and the delegate, and any other information held."

Response

The .IO domain name is the ISO-3166 country code for the British Indian Ocean Territory. The .IO domain name was delegated in 1997. (*See* http://www.nic.io/about.html; http://www.iana.org/domains/root/db.)

Your Request seeks the disclosure of documents relating to the delegation and operation of the .io domain.

The delegation record for .IO is available at https://www.iana.org/domains/root/db/io.html. According to the delegation record, the sponsoring organization is IO Top Level Domain Registry Cable and Wireless. (http://www.iana.org/domains/root/db/io.html) As noted above, the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) .IO was delegated in 1997, prior to the formation of ICANN. As such, ICANN was not involved the in the delegation of .IO.

ICANN's DIDP is "intended to ensure that information contained in documents concerning ICANN's operational activities, and within ICANN's possession, custody, or control, are made available to the public unless there is a compelling reason for confidentiality." (*See* https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/didp-2012-02-25-en). As part of its commitment to transparency, ICANN makes available a comprehensive set of materials on its website as a matter of course.

To the extent that ICANN has any documentary information that may be responsive to your request, such documents are subject to the following DIDP Defined Conditions of Nondisclosure:

- Information that relates in any way to the security and stability of the Internet, including the operation of the L Root or any changes, modifications, or additions to the root zone.

- Information provided by or to a government or international organization, or any form of recitation of such information, in the expectation that the information will be kept confidential and/or would or likely would materially prejudice ICANN's relationship with that party.

- Internal information that, if disclosed, would or would be likely to compromise the integrity of ICANN's deliberative and decision-making process by inhibiting the candid exchange of ideas and communications, including internal documents, memoranda, and other similar communications to or from ICANN Directors, ICANN Directors' Advisors, ICANN staff, ICANN consultants, ICANN contractors, and ICANN agents.

- Information exchanged, prepared for, or derived from the deliberative and decision-making process between ICANN, its constituents, and/or other entities with which ICANN cooperates that, if disclosed, would or would be likely to compromise the integrity of the deliberative and decision-making process between and among ICANN, its constituents, and/or other entities with which ICANN cooperates by inhibiting the candid exchange of ideas and communications.

- Drafts of all correspondence, reports, documents, agreements, contracts, emails, or any other forms of communication.

About DIDP

ICANN's DIDP is limited to requests for documentary information already in existence within ICANN that is not publicly available. In addition, the DIDP sets forth Defined Conditions of Nondisclosure. To review a copy of the DIDP, which is contained within the ICANN Accountability & Transparency: Framework and Principles please see http://www.icann.org/en/about/transparency/didp. ICANN makes every effort to be as responsive as possible to the entirety of your Request. As part of its accountability and transparency commitments, ICANN continually strives to provide as much information to the community as is reasonable. We encourage you to sign up for an account at MyICANN.org, through which you can receive daily updates regarding postings to the portions of ICANN's website that are of interest because as we continue to enhance our reporting mechanisms, reports will be posted for public access.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further inquiries, please forward them to didp@icann.org.