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July 1, 2008

Dear Mr. Twomey,

Dear Paul,

This is to thank you for your response of June 11, 2008 to my letter to you of April 16, 2008, in which I shared with you WIPO observations on categories of registrar conduct affecting the proper functioning of the WIPO-initiated and ICANN-mandated Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (“UDRP”). In the meantime, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center staff have had occasion for constructive further discussions with a number of your colleagues at the recent ICANN Meeting held in Paris.

It is encouraging that ICANN is, as we understand, stepping up its efforts to help ensure the continued optimal functioning of the UDRP. Especially where this concerns registrar-related issues, such as consistent disclosure obligations in privacy and proxy registration cases, UDRP stakeholders clearly look to ICANN to provide general direction and on-going action.

This concerns not only potential enforcement issues at the back-end of a WIPO case in which parties have invested, but also the preliminary conditions for a proper commencement and conduct of the procedure itself.

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WIPO expresses the hope that ICANN will be willing and able to apply the experiences distilled from registrar behavior under the UDRP also in the context of its front-end registrar accreditation. This is particularly so where ICANN should feel that compliance challenges strain even the increased resources devoted to it.

The WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center will continue to seek active dialogue with your staff on what we hope are seen as common concerns on a matter of mutual interest.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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