

dotKred gTLD Policies and RRA

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Overview

The following policies, which govern the top level domain (TLD or Registry) indicated on **Schedule A**, are based on policies and best practices drawn from Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”), World Intellectual Property Organisation (“WIPO”), and other relevant sources, and is written to be consistent with ICANN Consensus Policies.

Specifically, the Registry Policies include the following interrelated policies, terms, and conditions (together the “Registry Policies”):

- a. This **Overview**, including **Definitions**.
- b. The **Naming Policy**, which describes reserved and blocked (prohibited) domain names;
- c. The **Acceptable Use Policy** (AUP), which describes the types of acceptable uses for domain name registrations;
- d. The **Privacy & Whois Policy**, which describes how a Registrant’s Personal Information may be used by the Registry and in some cases, third parties;
- e. The **Complaint Resolution Service** (CRS), which provides for the Registry, in cooperation with the Registrar, to provide a mechanism for Registrants and complainants to settle disputes concerning domain name registrations and/or uses; the CRS is a formal mediation-based dispute resolution process that provides a low-cost, efficient, neutral mechanism for fair adjudication of complaints including those from the public concerning alleged intellectual property abuses, illegal content, abusive or disruptive use of a domain name (e.g., phishing or spam) or other inappropriate conduct in the TLD; the CRS is complementary to the ICANN-mandated URS and UDRP.
- f. The **Registry-Registrar Agreement** (RRA), is the agreement between the Registry and each accredited Registrar authorized to sell domain names within this TLD.

The Registry policies form a cohesive framework and must be read in conjunction with one another, as well as with other applicable agreements, policies, laws, and regulations which, taken together, represent the entirety of the obligations and responsibilities with regard to any domain name registration.

Background

The Registry Policies are designed to promote transparent and non-discriminatory rules for the registration of domain names within this TLD, including fair and competitive pricing and competition at the Registrar level; protection of Registrant data and privacy; adherence by Registrants to the AUP; protection of intellectual property rights; protection of certain terms; prevention of the registration of illegal terms; prevention of violations of the law or abuse of the Domain Name System (DNS), including criminal acts; and to align use of the TLD with the applicable self-regulatory environment.

These policies provide that the TLD may, when deemed appropriate by the TLD,, implement Registry-level “Registration suspensions” for AUP violations. The registration and use of a domain is subject at all times to the Registry Policies, which provide the means to address crime, prohibited content, intellectual property abuses and other issues of concern.

Definitions

Abuse Point of Contact: an agent of the Registry appointed to review complaints for compliance with these Policies.

Acceptable Use Policy (or AUP): The policy that describes the types of acceptable uses for domain name registrations in the TLD.

Blocked Names: a list of domain names, appearing on a list of blocked names, which list is subject to additions and modifications from time to time, which are indefinitely unavailable for registration in the TLD.

Complaint Resolution Service (or CRS): which provides for the Registry, in cooperation with the Registrar, a mechanism for Registrants and complainants to settle disputes concerning domain name registrations and/or uses; the CRS is a formal mediation-based dispute resolution process that provides a low-cost, efficient, neutral mechanism for fair adjudication of complaints including those from the public concerning alleged intellectual property abuses, illegal content, abusive or disruptive use of a domain name (e.g., phishing, spam or child pornography) or other inappropriate conduct in the TLD; the CRS is complementary to the ICANN-mandated URS and UDRP.

Complainant: a party who files a complaint using the CRS.

Complaint: the complaint filed by a Complainant using the CRS.

Critical Issue Suspension (or CIS): a modification of the DNS records temporarily disabling a domain name from resolving; it may be undertaken, in Registry's sole discretion, when specifically requested by a Complainant in a CRS complaint, and when such Complaint alleges disruptive use of a domain name (e.g., phishing, spam, or child pornography) or other inappropriate conduct.

Data Escrow: the process of keeping a copy of critical data, including Whois data, with an independent third party.

Domain Name: an identification string that represents an Internet Protocol resource, usually a server computer hosting a web site. Is to the left of the dot in a URL; in "internic.net", the domain name is "internic".

Domain Name System (or DNS): the system that helps people find their way around the Internet. Every computer on the Internet has a unique address, which is a string of numbers, called an "IP address" (IP stands for "Internet Protocol"). Because IP addresses are hard to remember, the DNS makes using the Internet easier to navigate by allowing a familiar string of letters (the domain name) to be used instead of the IP address; so instead of typing 192.0.43.9, Internet users can type www.internic.net.

Domain Lock: a status code that can be set on a domain name in order to prevent unauthorized,

unwanted or accidental changes to the domain name's ownership or technical information. When set, the following actions are prohibited: (i) modification of the domain name, including transferring the domain name; (ii) deletion of the domain name; and (iii) modification of the domain name contact details. Where a Domain Lock is applied, renewal of the domain name is still possible.

EPP (Extensible Provisioning Protocol): an industry standard for how Registrars communicate with Registries.

Escrow Agent: a third party contracted to perform data escrow services for the Registry.

ICANN (the Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers): the organization that creates the rules for, and ensures the technical stability of, the Internet.

ICANN Consensus Policies: domain name-related policies created through ICANN's multi-stakeholder consensus-based consultation process to govern certain actions related to domain names, Whois, and other ICANN-related functions; [the current list of ICANN consensus policies can be found here](#).

Identical Match: means that a domain name consists of the complete and identical textual elements of a Trademark Clearinghouse-validated trademark. In this regard: (a) spaces contained within a mark that are either replaced by hyphens (and vice versa, as the context allows) or omitted; (b) only certain special characters contained within a trademark are spelled out with appropriate words describing it ("@" and "&"); (c) punctuation or special characters contained within a mark that are unable to be used in a second level domain name may either be (i) omitted or (ii) replaced by spaces, hyphens or underscores and still be considered Identical matches; and (d) no plural and no "marks contained" (i.e., "brandx" in "brandxproducts") qualify for inclusion.

Identifier: a number assigned by the Registry to a Registrant to uniquely identify the Registrant for the purposes of the Registry's operations and to preserve the Registrant's privacy; an individual's name is not used as an Identifier.

IP (Internet Protocol): the technical protocol that allows computers to find and communicate with each other on the Internet.

IP Address: a numerical address for a computer connected to the Internet.

Naming Policy: the policy that describes reserved and blocked (prohibited) domain names.

Name Server: the server that maps the domain name to an IP address.

Ombudsperson: an independent third party appointed by the Registry to identify and provide a neutral assessment of the interests of participants in the Complaint Resolution Service. In appropriate situations, may act as a mediator.

Personal Information: means information about an individual person, including any Registrant, whose identity can reasonably be ascertained from such information, but does not include indexes or aggregations of Personal Information relating to more than one person, such as logfiles, DNS Zone Files, databases or backups. This information may include the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the Registrant. This may include the home address and personal email of the Registrant, if the Registrant uses those as their primary contact information for the domain name.

Primary Purpose: the reasons for the Registry's collection of Personal Information, which are the storage and maintenance of such information by the Registry as required by ICANN (including provision of a copy to the Escrow Agent) and the operation of the Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS), comprising both Whois and RDAP, in accordance with ICANN's Registration Data Policy and applicable law. Public RDDS responses redact Personal Information of natural-person Registrants by default; redacted data is disclosed only through tiered-access mechanisms recognized by ICANN policy or applicable law.

Privacy & Whois Policy: a policy document that describes how a Registrant's Personal Information may be used by the Registry and in some cases, third parties.

Prohibited Use: a use of the domain name that is illegal or expressly prohibited by the Policies, especially the Acceptable Use Policy.

Registered Domain Name: A Second Level Domain that has already being purchased by a third party.

Registrant: a person, whether an individual or business entity, in whose name a domain name is registered.

Registrant Agreement: the terms which Registrants must acknowledge and agree to in order to register a domain name; the Registrant Agreement binds Registrants, at the time of initial registration, domain renewal, or domain transfer, to the Registry Policies (which also includes by reference, ICANN-mandated rights protection mechanisms such as the Uniform Rapid Suspension service ("URS"), Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy ("UDRP"), and other ICANN Consensus Policies);

Registrar: an entity, accredited by ICANN and under contract with the Registry, through which a business entity or individual may register a domain name.

Registrar Registration Fee: payment by the Registrar to the Registry for registration of a domain name.

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Registry: a database of all domain names and the associated registrant information in the top level domains identified in Schedule A; the entity that operates the TLD Registry database.

Registry Policies: the policy framework governing domain name registrations in the TLD, which includes the Naming Policy, Acceptable Use Policy, Registrant Agreement, Privacy & Whois Policy, Complaint Resolution Service, Registry–Registrar Agreement, ICANN consensus policies, and applicable laws, as amended from time to time.

Registry Related Parties: any natural or juristic person who is or is related to the Registry or the Registrar, including the officers, directors, shareholders, owners, managers, employees, agents, representatives, contractors, affiliates, successors, assigns, and attorneys of either the Registry or a Registrar.

Registry-Registrar Agreement (or RRA): the agreement between the Registry and each ICANN-accredited Registrar which is authorized to sell domain names within the TLD.

Reserved Names: domain names currently unavailable for registration but which may be released in the future.

Respondent: the party against whom a CRS Complaint is filed; usually a Registrant.

Response: the reply by the Respondent in a CRS to the Complaint.

Root Servers: the authoritative name servers that serve the DNS root zone; a network of hundreds of servers in many countries around the world.

Sunrise: the exclusive period in which trademark owners may register the Identical Match of their trademark as a domain name prior to general domain name availability in the TLD.

Term: the period of registration of a domain name. The initial Term may be between one (1) and ten (10) years, but registration renewals may extend the Term.

Top Level Domain (or TLD): the Top Level Domain names listed in Schedule A.

Trademark Claims Service: the service which gives notice to a prospective domain name registrant at the time of registration that the desired domain name may infringe a trademark; also provides electronic notice to a trademark rights holder that a domain name is an Identical Match to their trademark or to a previously-adjudicated infringing string has been registered. The prospective Registrant must warrant that: (i) they have received notification that the mark is registered in the Trademark Clearinghouse; (ii) they have received and understood the notice; and (iii) to the best of their knowledge, the registration and use of the requested domain name will not infringe on the rights that are the subject of the notice. If the domain name is registered subsequent to the notice being issued and the registrant attesting to its non-infringement, the registrar (through an interface with the Clearinghouse) will notify the mark holder(s) of the registration.

Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH): the central storage repository of validated (authenticated) trademark rights–related data and information for dissemination with respect to trademark rights protection mechanisms and other registry-related services; more information can be found [at their](#)

[website](#).

Unassigned Domain Name: A Second Level Domain, reserved name or blocked name that has not yet been sold to a third-party, and which is retained by the Registry until sold.

UDRP (Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy): an ICANN Consensus Policy that provides for independent adjudication of trademark-related domain name disputes concerning alleged trademark abuse.

URS (Uniform Rapid Suspension): similar to the UDRP, a complimentary rights protection mechanism that offers a lower-cost, faster path to relief for rights holders experiencing the most clear-cut cases of infringement.

Shared Registry System (SRS): the system that allows multiple Registrars to register domain names in a Registry.

Whois: an ICANN-mandated public lookup service (port 43) which, together with the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP), forms the Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS) for the TLD. Whois and RDAP responses display Registrant, Name Server, expiration date, and contact information for a domain name in accordance with ICANN's Registration Data Policy and applicable law. Public responses redact Personal Information of natural-person Registrants by default. The data elements collected by the Registry, certain of which may be returned in public RDDS responses (subject to redaction) or disclosed via tiered-access mechanisms, include without limitation:

- a. Technical information on the DNS Name Servers resolving a domain name;
- b. The date the domain name was inserted into the Registry's database;
- c. The date of last modification;
- d. The date of expiration;
- e. The current status of the domain name;
- f. The Registrar's contact details;
- g. The Registrant's name;
- h. The Registrant's physical address and/or alternate address;
- i. The Registrant's email and phone numbers and/or alternate address;
- j. The Registrant's state and/or alternate address;
- k. The Registrant's country and/or alternate address.
- l. Details of nominated administrative, technical and billing contacts.

WIPO: the World Intellectual Property Organization, an international body responsible for the promotion of the protection of intellectual property throughout the world and historic partner with ICANN for UDRP proceedings.

Zone File: the file on a Root Server that contains the domain name registration information necessary to resolve the domain names to their relevant IP addresses.

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Schedule A

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NAMING POLICY

This Naming Policy sets forth the rules and guidelines concerning the availability of any domain name registered in this TLD. Here are the most current version of this Naming Policy and related material, including lists of Reserved Names, Blocked Names, and [names that are blocked by ICANN](#). Certain other reserved and blocked names are provided exclusively to accredited Registrars.

This Naming Policy is part of the Registry Policies, which form a cohesive framework and must be read in conjunction with one another, as well as with other applicable agreements, policies, laws, and regulations which, taken together, represent the entirety the obligations and responsibilities with regard to any domain name registration.

Actual or attempted registration of a domain name in contravention of this Naming Policy may result in a Registrant being forbidden from registering domain names and/or the suspension or revocation of such Registrant's right to continue to be recognized as the Registrant of the non-compliant domain name or any other domain name. Suspension or revocation may, as determined in the Registry's sole discretion, with the cooperation of the sponsoring Registrar, apply to one or more of the Registrant's domain names.

The Registry reserves the right to modify or update this Naming Policy at any time and from time to time, and any such modifications or updates shall be posted on the Registry website. Once posted, such modified or updated Naming Policy shall apply to all Registrants.

1. **Reserved Names**. Reserved names may be reserved by ICANN or the Registry.
 - a. Reserved Names:
 - i. ICANN Reserved Names:
 - A. [IGO/NGO Names](#)
 - B. Country Codes
 - ii. Names Reserved by the Registry:
 - A. Some domain names are reserved by the Registry for use in its operations. Refer to the appropriate **Schedule A**.
 - b. In the event that a Registrant has been allowed to register a Reserved Name in violation of ICANN policy, the Registry will, in its sole discretion, with the cooperation of the sponsoring Registrar, cancel or transfer such domain name. Any fees paid by the Registrar to the Registry will be refunded but the Registrant and the Registrar shall have no further recourse under the Registry Policies or otherwise.
 - c. In the event that a Registrant has fraudulently obtained the registration of a Reserved

Name, the Registry reserves the right to cancel or transfer such domain name registration as provided for in, and take such further action as authorized by, the Registry Policies.

2. Blocked Names. The Registry reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to block certain names and terms from registration. The Registry may also block certain Domain Names in accordance with applicable law or ICANN Consensus Policies. Please refer to Schedule B for additional information regarding Blocked Names in the TLD.
 - a. In the event the Registry has mistakenly allowed the registration of a Blocked Name, the Registry may, after refunding fees to the Registrar, transfer the name back to the blocked list.
3. Infringing Domain Names. Registrants are not allowed to register domain names which include terms that infringe upon intellectual property or other rights. More extensive discussions of infringement and the rights and responsibilities of both the rights holder and the alleged infringer can be found at ICANN's discussion of the [UDRP](#), [URS](#), and the [TMCH claims service](#).
 - a. Terms that may infringe upon the rights of others include, but are not limited to:
 - i. company names, brand names, or product names;
 - ii. sport team and association names;
 - iii. terms that may mislead the public as to a connection with or the source of goods or services, or the true identity of a person.
 - b. Registration or use of a domain name may be infringing if:
 - i. the domain name is identical or confusingly similar to a personal name, company, business, or other legal or trade name, or to a trade or service mark in which a third party has uncontested rights, including without limitation in circumstances which:
 - 1) the registration or use is likely to deceive or confuse others in relation to the source of goods or services provided under or in relation to, or in respect of similar goods or closely-related services of a registered trademark; or
 - 2) the registration or use deceives or confuses others in relation to the source of goods or services in respect of which an unregistered trademark or service mark has become a distinctive identifier of the goods or services of a third party complainant and in which the third party complainant has established a legal right; or
 - 3) the registration or use trades on or passes off a domain name or a website or other content or services access through a resolution of a domain name as

being the same as or endorsed by, authorised by, associated with, or affiliated with the established business, name, or reputation of another; or

- 4) the registration or use constitutes intentionally misleading or deceptive conduct in breach of the Registry Policies, applicable laws, or ICANN Consensus Policies; or
 - 5) the domain name has been registered or used in bad faith, which includes, without limitation, the following:
 - A. the Registrant has registered or used the domain name primarily for the purpose of unlawfully disrupting the business or activities of another person or entity; or
 - B. by registering or using the domain name, the Registrant has intentionally created a likelihood of confusion with respect to the third party complainant's intellectual property rights or rights of publicity and as to the source, sponsorship, affiliation, or endorsement of website(s), email, or other online locations or services of a product or service available on or through resolution of the domain name.
 - c. The Registry does not reserve or block domain name registrations for terms, or confusingly similar terms, which might infringe upon intellectual property or other rights. It is the responsibility of the Registrant to determine, prior to registering a domain name, whether or not a term might infringe the intellectual property or other rights of an entity or individual. The Registrant is solely liable in the event that the Registrants' use of a domain name constitutes an infringement or other violation of a third party's intellectual property or other rights.
 - d. In the event that any party disputes a Registrant's legal right to register and/or use a domain name that allegedly infringes the rights of another or that allegedly infringing material is displayed on a website which is resolved via the domain name, the Registrant shall act in accordance with and agrees to be bound by ICANN's policies, including the UDRP and URS, and by the Registry CRS, as applicable.
 - e. In the event that a Registrant has registered a domain name that infringes the rights of another, the Registry reserves the right, in cooperation with the sponsoring Registrar, to cancel or transfer such domain name registration as provided for in, and take such further action against Registrant as authorized by, these Registry Policies.
4. Two Letter/Two-Character Domains.

The registrant of a letter/letter two-character ASCII label must take steps to ensure against misrepresenting or falsely implying that the registrant or its business is affiliated with a government or country-code manager if such affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement does not exist.

The Registry shall take reasonable steps to investigate and respond to any reports from governmental agencies and ccTLD operators of conduct that causes confusion with the corresponding country code in connection with the use of a letter/letter two-character ASCII domain registered in the TLD. Reports should be directed to the Registry's Abuse Point of Contact as set out in the Complaint Resolution Service.

Letter/letter two-character ASCII labels corresponding to ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 country codes are released for registration at the second level pursuant to ICANN's "Authorization for Release of Letter/Letter Two-Character ASCII Labels at the Second Level" dated 13 December 2016, subject to the safeguards in the two preceding paragraphs.

5. Other Naming Policies.

- a. Prospective Registrants are not permitted to submit an application for a domain name if they have previously submitted an application for registration for the same domain name where:
 - i. they are relying on the same eligibility criteria for each domain name applications; and
 - ii. the character string has previously been rejected by the Registry;
- b. Registrants who repeatedly try to register Reserved Names, Blocked Names, or domain names that infringe the rights of others may be banned from further registration of domain names and may have any domain names registered to them revoked or cancelled, as provided for in the Registry Policies.

Schedule A

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ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Introduction

This Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) sets forth the terms and conditions for the use by a Registrant of any domain name registered in the top-level domain (TLD).

This Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is part of the Registry Policies, which form a cohesive framework and must be read in conjunction with one another, as well as with other applicable agreements, policies, laws, and regulations which, taken together, represent the entirety the obligations and responsibilities with regard to any domain name registration.

The current version of the AUP will made available on the Registry website. It applies to any domain name registered in the TLD, no matter when or how registered, renewed, or transferred. Where a Registrant licenses or leases the domain name or any sub-domain names obtained under these Registry Policies, the Registry and the sponsoring Registrar shall hold the Registrant solely liable for activity in the domain name and in any sub-domain, if applicable.

The Registry supports the free flow of information and ideas over the Internet. The Registry does not and cannot exercise editorial control over the content of any message or web site made accessible by domain name resolution services in the TLD.

Nothing in this AUP shall be read to prohibit the bona fide exercise of protected expression, including parody, satire, criticism, commentary, journalism, artistic expression, or other lawful speech, even where such expression refers to or is critical of a person, business, government, or other entity. Where conduct that would otherwise fall within a prohibition listed below is undertaken in good faith for any of the foregoing purposes and is not intended to deceive others as to the source, sponsorship, or affiliation of the website or service, it shall not constitute a violation of this AUP. Application of this AUP shall be informed by this principle.

The Registry, with the cooperation of the sponsoring Registrar, may suspend, revoke, transfer, or modify the information or services provided in relation to any domain name (for example, through modification of a Registry Zone File) to address alleged violations of this AUP (described further below). The Registry shall have the authority to determine, in its sole discretion, whether use of a domain name is a *prima facie* violation of this AUP. The Registry or affected third parties may also utilize ICANN-sanctioned procedures, such as the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) or the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) system and/or applicable courts including those in the jurisdiction and venue specified in the Registrant Agreement.

Registrants are obliged and required to ensure that their use of a domain name is at all times lawful and in accordance with the requirements of the Registry Policies and applicable laws and regulations, including those of the Registrant's country of residence and ICANN Consensus Policies, including but not limited to those that relate to privacy, data collection, consumer protection (including in relation to misleading and deceptive conduct), fair lending, debt collection, disclosure of data, and financial disclosures. Registrants who collect and maintain sensitive health and financial data must implement reasonable and appropriate security measures

commensurate with the offering of those services, as defined by applicable law. Where applicable, Registrants represent that they possesses any necessary authorisations, charters, licenses and/or other related credentials for participation in the sector associated with the TLD; material changes to the validity of such credentials must be reported to the Registry.

The Registry reserves the right to modify or amend this AUP at any time and from time to time and any such updates shall be posted on the Registry's website from time to time. The Registry will notify Registrars in the event of updates. The AUP as posted on the Registry's website is the agreement in effect at any time.

Prohibited Use

A Prohibited Use of a domain name is a use which is either illegal or expressly prohibited by provisions of this AUP and/or Registry Policies. A non-exhaustive list of such restrictions pertaining to registration or use of a domain name (in relation to various purposes and activities) is further described below in this AUP.

Compliance with the Registry's AUP

The registration and use of a domain name in the TLD must be for lawful purposes. The creation, transmission, distribution, storage of, or automatic forwarding to or framing of any material in violation of applicable laws, regulations, or this AUP is prohibited. This may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Communication, publication, or distribution of material (including through forwarding or framing) that infringes the intellectual property rights and/or right of publicity of another person or entity. Intellectual property rights include, but are not limited to copyrights, design rights, patents, patent applications, trademarks, rights of personality, and trade secret information. Rights of publicity include, but are not limited to, the right to keep one's image and likeness from being commercially exploited without permission or contractual compensation, the right to be left alone, and the right to be forgotten.
- b. Cyber bullying or other harassment.
- c. Registration or use of a domain name which, in the sole discretion of the Registry violates the Naming Policy.
- d. Registration or use of a domain name which is part of a pattern of registration or use where the Registrant has registered or used domain names which violate the Naming Policy;
- e. Failure of the Registrant to transfer the domain name to a third party if, as evidenced in writing, Registrant acted as an agent of the third party when registering for the domain name.
- f. Use of content or methods which, in the sole discretion of the Registry:
 - i. are capable of disruption of systems in use by other Internet users or service providers (e.g., viruses or malware);
 - ii. seek or apparently seek authentication or login details used by operators of other Internet sites (e.g., phishing); or
 - iii. may mislead or deceive visitors to the site that the site has an affiliation with the operator of another Internet site or business (e.g., phishing).

- g. Use of the domain name to publish or distribute, either directly or through forwarding or framing, images or materials that are prohibited by or constitute an offense under applicable laws, including the law of the Registrant's country of residence.
- h. Use of the domain name to publish or distribute material that includes, by way of example and without limitation, real or manipulated images depicting the sexual exploitation of children, bestiality, and material containing threats or detailed instructions regarding how to commit a crime.
- i. Use of the domain name to publish or distribute defamatory material or material that constitutes racial vilification or "hate speech."
- j. Use of the domain name to publish or distribute material that constitutes an illegal threat or encourages conduct that may constitute a criminal act.
- k. Use of the domain name to impersonate another person or entity in a manner intended or reasonably likely to deceive others as to the source, sponsorship, or affiliation of a website, service, or communication, or to unlawfully defame or harass others. For the avoidance of doubt, this clause does not apply to (i) bona fide parody, satire, criticism, commentary, journalism, or other forms of protected expression that do not seek to deceive others as to source, sponsorship, or affiliation, or (ii) use of the domain name where the Registrant has the express prior written consent of the person or entity referenced in the domain name to use the domain in the manner described.
- l. Registration of a domain name with the intent to impersonate or deceive others as to the source, sponsorship, or affiliation of a website or service, including through typosquatting or other patterns of registration designed to facilitate phishing, fraud, or unlawful identity confusion. The Registry will not deem a registration to violate this clause solely because the domain name resembles or could theoretically be confused with the name of another person or entity, absent evidence of intent or use as described above.
- m. Use of the domain name to publish or distribute material that is in contempt of an order of a court or other authoritative government actor within the jurisdiction of the country of residence of the Registrant, Registrar, or Registry.
- n. Holding oneself out as having a status, credential, license, certification, or authorization that the Registrant does not in fact possess, where such representation is made by means of, or in connection with, the registration or use of a domain name in the TLD, and is intended or reasonably likely to mislead others as to the Registrant's authority, qualifications, or affiliation.

1. Electronic Mail

The Registry expressly prohibits Registrants from engaging in the following activities:

- a. Communicating, transmitting, or sending unsolicited bulk email messages or other

electronic communications (“junk mail” or “spam”) of any kind including, but not limited to, unsolicited commercial advertising and informational announcements as prohibited by applicable law.

- b. Communicating, transmitting, or sending any material by email or otherwise that harasses another person or that threatens or encourages bodily harm or destruction of property.
- c. Communicating, transmitting, sending, creating, or forwarding fraudulent offers.
- d. Adding, removing, modifying, or forging any network header information with the effect of misleading or deceiving another person or attempting to impersonate another person by using forged headers or other forged identifying information (i.e., spoofing).

2. Disruption of the Registry Network

A Registrant may not use a domain name for the purpose of:

- a. Restricting or inhibiting any person in their use or enjoyment of the Registry’s network or a domain name or any service or product of the Registry.
- b. Actually or purportedly reselling the Registry’s services or products without the prior written consent of the Registry.
- c. Communicating, transmitting, or sending very large or numerous pieces of email or illegitimate service requests (i.e., a DDoS attack).
- d. Providing false or misleading information to the Registry.
- e. Facilitating or aiding the transmission of confidential information, private, personal or stolen data including, but not limited to, credit card information (without the owner’s or cardholder’s express written consent).

3. Network Integrity and Security

- a. Registrants are prohibited from circumventing or attempting to circumvent the security of any host, network, or accounts (i.e., cracking or hacking) on, related to, or accessed through the Registry’s network. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. accessing data not intended for the Registrant;
 - ii. logging into a server or account which the Registrant is not expressly authorised to access;
 - iii. using, attempting to use, or attempting to ascertain a username or password without the express written consent of the operator of the service in relation to which the username or password is intended to function;

- iv. probing the security of other networks; and/or
 - v. executing any form of network monitoring which is likely to intercept data, of any nature, not intended for the Registrant.
- b. Registrants are prohibited from effecting any network security breach or disruption of any Internet communications including, but not limited to:
- i. accessing data of which the Registrant is not an intended recipient; and/or
 - ii. logging onto a server or account which the Registrant is not expressly authorised to access.

For the purposes of this section, “disruption” includes, but is not limited to:

- + port scans, TCP/UDP floods, packet spoofing;
 - + forged routing information;
 - + deliberate attempts to overload or disrupt a service or host; and/or,
 - + using the Registry’s network in connection with the use of any program, script, command, or sending messages with the intention or likelihood of interfering with another user’s terminal session by any means, locally or by the Internet.
- c. Registrants who compromise or disrupt the Registry’s network systems or security may incur criminal or civil liability. The Registry will investigate any such incidents and will notify and cooperate with law enforcement and other appropriate governmental actors if an alleged crime or other alleged wrongdoing in violation of this AUP is suspected to have taken place.

4. Two-Letter/Two Character ASCII Labels

The registrant of a letter/letter two-character ASCII label must take steps to ensure against misrepresenting or falsely implying that the registrant or its business is affiliated with a government or country-code manager if such affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement does not exist.

5. Non-Exclusive, Non-Exhaustive

This AUP is intended to provide guidance as to acceptable use of the Registry’s network and domain names. However, the AUP is neither exhaustive nor exclusive.

6. Enforcement

The Registry may, in its sole discretion, with the cooperation of the sponsoring Registrar, suspend, transfer, or terminate a Registrant's service, including a domain name registration, for violation of any of the terms and conditions of the AUP on receipt of a complaint if the Registry, in its sole discretion, believes:

- a. a violation of the AUP has or may have occurred; and/or
- b. suspension and/or termination may be in the public interest.

Except in extreme situations, the Registry may work with Registrars to effect the appropriate action. Notwithstanding the above, this AUP does not create any obligation on the part of the Registry to suspend, transfer, or terminate a Registrant's service for violations of this AUP, and Registry shall not be liable to any party for not enforcing the terms of this AUP.

7. DISCLAIMER AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

THE REGISTRANT ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE REGISTRY AND THE REGISTRY RELATED PARTIES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING LOSS OF PROFITS, BUSINESS INTERRUPTION, LOSS OF PROGRAMS OR OTHER DATA, OR OTHERWISE RELATING TO THE USE, SUSPENSION, TERMINATION OR THE INABILITY TO USE THE DOMAIN NAME OR IN ANY OTHER WAY RELATED TO THE DOMAIN NAME, REGARDLESS OF THE FORM OF ACTION, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING IN THE CASE OF NEGLIGENCE BY THE REGISTRY AND/OR REGISTRY RELATED PARTIES), OR OTHERWISE. THE REGISTRY'S LIABILITY FOR ANY BREACH OF A CONDITION OR WARRANTY IMPLIED BY ANY OF THE REGISTRY POLICIES, INCLUDING THE NAMING POLICY, ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY, REGISTRANT AGREEMENT, PRIVACY & WHOIS POLICY, COMPLAINT RESOLUTION SERVICE, AND/OR THE REGISTRY-REGISTRAR AGREEMENT SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (AS THE REGISTRY MAY DETERMINE IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION:

- A. SUPPLYING THE DOMAIN NAME AGAIN; OR
- B. PAYING THE REASONABLE COST INCURRED OF HAVING THE SERVICES SUPPLIED AGAIN.

ADDITIONALLY, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE REGISTRY AND THE REGISTRY RELATED PARTIES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSSES OR DAMAGES THAT THE REGISTRANT MAY INCUR AS A RESULT OF UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE DOMAIN ARISING FROM "HACKING," DENIAL OF SERVICE ATTACK, VIRUS, WORM, OR OTHERWISE, OR FOR LACK OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF THE DOMAIN NAME OR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DOMAIN NAME.

IN THE EVENT THAT THE REGISTRY OR A REGISTRY RELATED PARTY TAKES ACTION

WITH RESPECT TO A REGISTRY DOMAIN NAME PURSUANT TO THE REGISTRY POLICIES, WHICH ACTION IS REVERSED, MODIFIED, OR ACKNOWLEDGED TO HAVE BEEN INCORRECT BY THE REGISTRY AND/OR A REGISTRY RELATED PARTY, BY OR THROUGH THE REGISTRY COMPLAINT RESOLUTION SERVICE, OR BY A COURT, THEN REGISTRANT AGREES THAT, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE REGISTRY AND/OR REGISTRY RELATED PARTIES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES THAT THE REGISTRANT MAY SUFFER THEREBY, EVEN IF THE REGISTRY AND/OR REGISTRY RELATED PARTIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE POTENTIAL FOR SUCH DAMAGES, AND EVEN IF THE REGISTRY AND/OR REGISTRY RELATED PARTIES MAY FORESEE SUCH POSSIBLE DAMAGES. THE REGISTRANT'S SOLE REMEDY UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL BE THE RESUPPLY OF THE DOMAIN NAME OR, AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE REGISTRY, A REFUND OF THE REGISTRATION FEE, RENEWAL FEE (IF THE CIRCUMSTANCE OCCURRED DURING A RENEWAL TERM) OR REDEMPTION FEE, WHICH REMEDY THE REGISTRANT AGREES CONSTITUTES THE ONLY POSSIBLE DIRECT DAMAGES FLOWING FROM THIS AGREEMENT.

IN ADDITION, THE REGISTRY AND/OR REGISTRY RELATED PARTIES ARE, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, NOT LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES THAT THE REGISTRANT MAY SUFFER BECAUSE OF SERVICE OR SYSTEM FAILURE, INCLUDING DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM FAILURE, ROOT SERVER FAILURE, TELECOMMUNICATION FAILURE, INTERNET PROTOCOL ADDRESS FAILURE, ACCESS DELAYS OR INTERRUPTIONS, DATA NON-DELIVERY OR MIS-DELIVERY, ACTS OF GOD, UNAUTHORISED USE OF PASSWORDS, ERRORS, OMISSIONS OR MIS-STATEMENTS IN ANY INFORMATION OR OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, DELAYS OR INTERRUPTIONS IN DEVELOPMENT OF WEB SITES, RE-DELEGATION OF THE REGISTRY TOP-LEVEL DOMAIN NAME, OR BREACH OF SECURITY, EVEN IF THE REGISTRY AND/OR REGISTRY RELATED PARTIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE POTENTIAL FOR SUCH DAMAGES, AND EVEN IF THE REGISTRY OR REGISTRY RELATED PARTIES MAY FORESEE SUCH POSSIBLE DAMAGES. THE REGISTRANT'S SOLE REMEDY FOR THE REGISTRY OR REGISTRY RELATED PARTIES' BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT OR NEGLIGENCE OF ANY TIME SHALL BE, AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE REGISTRY OR THE REGISTRY RELATED PARTIES, THE RESUPPLY OF THE DOMAIN NAME OR A REFUND OF THE REGISTRATION FEE, REDEMPTION FEE OR RENEWAL FEE (IF THE BREACH OCCURS DURING A RENEWAL TERM), WHICH REMEDY THE REGISTRANT AGREES CONSTITUTES THE ONLY POSSIBLE DIRECT DAMAGES FLOWING FROM THIS AGREEMENT. THE REGISTRANT'S SOLE REMEDY FOR AN ACTION NOT FLOWING FROM THIS AGREEMENT (IN TORT OR OTHERWISE) SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID TO THE REGISTRY OR REGISTRY RELATED PARTIES BY THE REGISTRANT.

8. Modification of Network Data

The Registry is committed to an open Internet and to freedom of expression. However, in the course of its duties to comply with ICANN consensus policies, UDRP, URS, or CRS decisions, court or other governmental orders, or other duly-qualified law enforcement requests, or to protect the integrity and functioning of its networks, the Registry, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to:

- a. remove or alter content, Zone File data and/or other material from its servers that violates the provisions or requirements of this AUP;
- b. re-delegate, redirect or otherwise divert traffic intended for any service;
- c. notify operators of Internet security monitoring services, virus scanning services and/or law enforcement authorities of any breach or apparent breach of this AUP or other Registry Policies; and/or
- d. terminate access to the Registry's network by any person or entity that the Registry determines has violated the provisions or requirements of this AUP.

PRIVACY AND WHOIS POLICY

1. Preamble

This Privacy & Whois Policy is part of the Registry Policies, which form a cohesive framework and must be read in conjunction with one another, as well as with other applicable agreements, policies, laws, and regulations which, taken together, represent the entirety the obligations and responsibilities with regard to any domain name registration.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this Privacy & Whois Policy are:

- a. To disclose to the Registrant, and in doing so obtain the Registrant's consent to, the fact that certain Personal Information provided by the Registrant may be dealt with in the following manner by the Registry:
 - i. Personal Information shall be collected and may be used, maintained, and/or corrected from time to time in accordance with this and/or other Registry Policies or practices;
 - ii. Personal Information shall be collected by the Registry through the Registrar for the purpose of the storage, maintenance, disclosure, and/or use of such Personal Information. The Registry may disclose or transfer such Personal Information to any third party (in addition to ICANN and the Registry Escrow Agent), under the circumstances detailed in the "Use and Disclosure" section of this Privacy & Whois Policy;
 - iii. Certain Personal Information about the Registrant which is supplied to the Registry, or a Registrar, may be made available to third parties by way of the Registry's Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS), which include both a Whois service (port 43) and a Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) service, in each case subject to and consistent with:
 - 1) Privacy principles of the Registry;
 - 2) The Registry Policies;
 - 3) ICANN Consensus Policies, including without limitation the Registration Data Policy effective 21 August 2024 (and any successor policy thereto), which requires redaction of natural-person Registrant Personal Information in public RDDS responses; and/or
 - 4) Applicable laws, rules and regulations, including without limitation the

European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and equivalent privacy laws of other jurisdictions.

- b. To outline the Registry's procedures for the appropriate collection, holding, use, correction, disclosure, and transfer of a Registrant's Personal Information by the Registry.

In order to provide Registry services in any TLD, the Registry is required by ICANN to collect data pertaining to the identity of the Registrant of any domain name. Publication and disclosure of such data is governed by the ICANN Registration Data Policy and applicable law, which require redaction of natural-person Personal Information in public RDDS responses and provide for tiered disclosure pathways for legitimate purposes.

3. Definitions

In addition to definitions found in the Registry Policies "Policy Overview and Definitions" document, the following terms are used in this Privacy & Whois Policy as defined below.

- a. "Escrow Agent" means a third party contracted to perform data escrow services for the Registry. The data escrow agreement with the Escrow Agent ensures the transfer of all relevant DNS data and Registrant information, including Personal Information, to ICANN and an ICANN-mandated back-up registry operator ("EBERO" or Emergency Back End Registry Operator), and will ensure the safety and integrity of the Registry's TLD database. The Escrow Agent is prohibited from use or disclosure of the Registry's TLD data unless that use or disclosure is deemed essential to ensure the stability and integrity of the Registry's TLD.
- b. "Personal Information" means information about an individual person, including any Registrant, whose identity can reasonably be ascertained from such information, but does not include indexes or aggregations of Personal Information relating to more than one person, such as logfiles, DNS Zone Files, databases or backups. This information may include the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the Registrant. This may include the home address and personal email of the Registrant, if the Registrant uses those as their primary contact information for the domain name.
- c. The "Primary Purpose" of the collection of Personal Information is the storage and maintenance of such information by the Registry as required by ICANN, including provision of a copy to the Escrow Agent, and the operation of the Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS), comprising both Whois and RDAP, pursuant to ICANN's Registration Data Policy and applicable law. Public RDDS responses redact Personal Information of natural-person Registrants by default; redacted data is disclosed only through tiered-access mechanisms available for legitimate purposes (including ICANN's Registration Data Request Service (RDRS), URS and UDRP proceedings, valid law enforcement requests, and other legitimate-purpose access pathways recognized by ICANN policy or applicable law). No domain name can be registered without the Registry collecting such Personal Information; however, publication of that information in public RDDS responses is governed by, and limited by, the foregoing policies and laws.

4. Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS): Whois and RDAP

The Registry maintains Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS) comprising both a Whois service (port 43) and a Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) service. RDAP is the primary protocol for registration data access pursuant to ICANN policy, with Whois maintained in parallel for legacy compatibility.

The RDDS provides information pertaining to a domain name pursuant to ICANN's Consensus Policies, including the Registration Data Policy (effective 21 August 2024) and any successor policy thereto. Subject to those policies and applicable law, the data elements that the Registry collects and that may be returned by the RDDS include:

- a. Technical information on the DNS servers resolving a domain name;
- b. The date the domain name was inserted into the Registry's database;
- c. The date of last modification;
- d. The date of expiration;
- e. The current status of the domain name;
- f. The Registrar's contact details;
- g. The Registrant's name;
- h. The Registrant's physical address and/or alternate address;
- i. The Registrant's email and phone numbers and/or alternate address;
- j. The Registrant's state and/or alternate address;
- k. The Registrant's country and/or alternate address.
- l. Details of nominated administrative, technical and billing contacts.

Public RDDS responses redact Personal Information of natural-person Registrants by default, in accordance with ICANN's Registration Data Policy. Public responses for natural-person Registrants typically display only non-personal fields (such as Registrant State/Province and Country), an anonymized contact mechanism (such as a web form or pseudonymized email address provided by the Registrar), and the registration's technical and status fields. Non-natural-person registration data (e.g., for organizations) may be displayed in public RDDS responses where permitted by ICANN policy and applicable law.

Redacted Personal Information may be disclosed by the Registry through tiered-access

mechanisms recognized by ICANN policy or applicable law, including:

- 1) ICANN's Registration Data Request Service (RDRS) for requestors with a legitimate purpose;
- 2) Disclosure required in connection with URS, UDRP, or CRS proceedings, or in response to valid orders of a court or competent authority;
- 3) Disclosure to law enforcement or governmental agencies acting within their lawful authority; and
- 4) Other legitimate-purpose access pathways recognized by ICANN policy or applicable law from time to time.

In addition to the redaction provided by the Registry under ICANN policy, Registrants may use privacy or proxy services offered by a third party to substitute proxy contact information in registration data submissions.

5. Collection

- a. The Registry collects Personal Information for one or more of its functions and/or activities including, where required:
 - i. to identify and maintain contact details of domain name Registrants and their duly appointed agents;
 - ii. to provide access to that data to the public and persons connected with Registrants;
 - iii. to provide services to Registrants and maintain its database;
 - iv. for the provision of Whois service;
 - v. to contact the Registrant, including notifications in accordance with the Registry Policies; and/or,
 - vi. to provide law enforcement, government agencies, and relevant Internet security organisations with information required to investigate or prevent an alleged crime.
- b. The Registry's website utilizes technology that collects user information and tracks usage (e.g., via "cookies"). The Registry's website may feature links to other third party websites but the Registry is not responsible for the content and privacy practices of any such third party websites.

6. Use and Disclosure

- a. The Registry may use or disclose Personal Information about a Registrant for a purpose

other than the Primary Purpose of collection where:

- i. The Personal Information consists of the contact details of a person connected to a Registrar, Internet service provider, Internet service reseller, or persons connected thereto, such as directors, managers or other points of contact;
- ii. The Registrant has consented to such use or disclosure; or
- iii. The Registry believes in its sole judgment that the use or disclosure is necessary:
 - 1) To lessen or prevent a serious and imminent threat to an individual's life, health, or safety; or
 - 2) To lessen or prevent a serious threat to public health or public safety; or
 - 3) Because the Registry has reason to suspect that unlawful activity or a violation of the any of the Registry's Policies has been, is being, or may be engaged in, and uses or discloses the Personal Information as a necessary part of its investigation of the matter or in reporting its concerns to relevant persons (including parties affected by that violation) or authorities; or
 - 4) Because the use or disclosure is required or authorised by or under law, rule or regulation; or
 - 5) Because the Registry believes that the use or disclosure is necessary for one or more of the following, by or on behalf of an enforcement body:
 - a) The prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution, or punishment of criminal offences, breaches of a law imposing a penalty or sanction, or breaches of a prescribed law;
 - b) The preparation for, or conduct of, proceedings before any court or tribunal, or implementation of the orders of a court or tribunal; or
 - 6) As ordered by a dispute resolution provider in connection with a Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) or Universal Rapid Suspension (URS) proceeding, as mandated by ICANN.
 - 7) As decided by parties resulting from a CRS dispute.
 - 8) For any other legal purpose, excluding marketing.
- b. Nothing in this Section 6 "Use and Disclosure" requires the Registry to disclose any Personal Information; the Registry is always entitled not to disclose Personal Information in the absence of a legal obligation to disclose it.

- c. The Registry may also be subject to the requirements of present, and any future, policy dealing with cross-border data flows if it transfers Personal Information to a person or entity in a foreign country situated outside of the European Economic Association (EEA).
- d. The Registry maintains and uses servers in diverse locations internationally, necessitating transfer of data, including Personal Information, between servers and data networks.
- e. The Registry shall never use Personal Information of a Registered Name Holder, acquired under this agreement, to contact the Registered Name Holder with a communication intended or designed to induce the Registered Name Holder to change Registrar's, or for the purpose of selling non-Registry services to the Registered Name Holder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the Registry, or its related companies, from offering or selling products and services to Registered Name Holders who are known to the Registry through existing customer relationships, provided that Registry does not use Personal Information provided by the Registered Name Holder to trigger a process to target Registered Name Holders.

7. Data Security

- a. The Registry shall take the steps required by ICANN, the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia, and any other applicable law to protect the Personal Information it holds from misuse and loss and from unauthorised access, modification or disclosure to the extent required by law.

8. Openness

- a. This Privacy & Whois Policy sets out the Registry's policies concerning its management of Personal Information. The Registry shall make this document available to anyone who asks for it and on its website.

9. Access and Correction

- a. If the Registry holds Personal Information about a Registrant, it shall provide that Registrant with access to such information upon receipt of written request by the Registrant, except to the extent that the Registry believes in its sole discretion:
 - i. In the case of Personal Information, providing access may pose a serious and imminent threat to the life or health of any individual; or
 - ii. Providing access may have an unreasonable impact upon the privacy of other individuals; or
 - iii. The request for access is frivolous or vexatious; or
 - iv. The information relates to existing or anticipated legal proceedings and the information

would not be accessible by the process of discovery in those proceedings; or

- v. Providing access may be unlawful; or
- vi. Denying access may be required or authorised by or under law, rule or regulation, including, but not limited to, the order of any court having appropriate jurisdiction; or
- vii. Providing access may prejudice an investigation of possibly unlawful activity; or
- viii. Providing access may prejudice:
 - 1) The prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution or punishment of criminal offences, or other breaches of law; or
 - 2) The preparation for, or conduct of, proceedings before any court or tribunal, or implementation of its orders; or
 - 3) A law enforcement body or relevant Internet security organisation performing a lawful security function requests that the Registry not provide access to the information on the basis that providing access would be likely to cause harm.
- b. The Registry shall not in any event be under any obligation to disclose DNS Zone Files, payment logs, email archives, or data backups to any party, except as required by ICANN, law, or court order.
- c. Where providing access would reveal evaluative information generated within the Registry in connection with a commercially sensitive decision-making process, the Registry may give the Registrant an explanation for the commercially sensitive decision rather than access to the information.
- d. If the Registry holds Personal Information about a Registrant and the Registrant is able to establish that the information is not accurate, complete, and up-to-date, upon notice of such fact from the Registrant, the Registry shall take reasonable steps to correct the information so that it is accurate, complete, and up-to-date as requested by the Registrant, except where the data is contained in an historical record or archive.

10. Review of Policy

The Registry reserves the right to review or revise this Privacy & Whois Policy at its sole discretion within ninety (90) days prior written notice, including to maintain compliance with ICANN Consensus Policy or other applicable law or regulation; Registrants who have provided their Personal Information to the Registry are deemed to acknowledge and be bound by this Privacy & Whois Policy and any changes made to it.

The current version of the Privacy & Whois Policy will be made available on the Registry website. It applies to any domain name registered in the TLD, no matter when or how registered, renewed,

or transferred. Where a Registrant licenses or leases the domain name or any sub-domain names obtained under these Registry Policies, the Registry and the sponsoring Registrar shall hold the Registrant solely liable for activity in the domain name and in any sub-domain, if applicable.

COMPLAINT RESOLUTION SERVICE

This Complaint Resolution Service (CRS) is part of the Registry Policies, which form a cohesive framework and must be read in conjunction with one another, as well as with other applicable agreements, policies, laws, and regulations which, taken together, represent the entirety the obligations and responsibilities with regard to any domain name registration.

Ordinarily, the Registry is unable to simply suspend a domain name where another member of the public complains or takes issue with the use to which a domain name is being put and a concerned member of the public always has the right to reach out to the domain name Registrant directly to bring any concerns to their attention.

If such direct contact is not possible or advisable (it may be a sensitive concern after all), or if after doing so, there is still a concern that the registration or use of a domain name in the TLD is illegal, abusive, infringes the rights of others, is otherwise in violation of the Registry Policies, or is allegedly otherwise in violation of the law, we provide the CRS, through which anyone may register a complaint.

The CRS provides a transparent, efficient, and cost effective way for the public, including law enforcement, regulatory bodies, and intellectual property owners to (a) submit complaints or report concerns regarding the registration or use of a domain name in the TLD, and (b) where appropriate, to seek to have such concerns addressed through confidential and non-binding mediation.

Managed through the Abuse Point of Contact and a corresponding webform, the CRS provides a procedure for reporting and, where appropriate, addressing alleged illegal or prohibited conduct effected through a domain name in the TLD; prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to: inaccurate Registrant Whois information; that a domain name registration is being used to facilitate or promote malware, operation of botnets, phishing, piracy, trademark or copyright infringement, fraudulent or deceptive practices, counterfeiting, or activity otherwise contrary to applicable law. The CRS framework employs two levels of review: (1) immediate action to protect the public interest, or (2) the optional appointment of an independent Ombudsperson to facilitate, where possible, confidential and non-binding complaint resolution between the parties.

The CRS is not intended to replace courts or ICANN-mandatory dispute resolution systems such as the UDRP (Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Procedure) or URS (Uniform Rapid Suspension system).

To submit a complaint or report a concern regarding the registration or use of a domain name in the TLD, please use [the CRS Complaint form](#).

Complaints and reports of concern will be reviewed as follows.

Step One: Confirmation and Communication

The Abuse Point of Contact will initially review all complaints and reports of concerns regarding alleged criminal or otherwise illegal or prohibited conduct for compliance with the Registry Policies.

Upon receipt of any Complaint, the Abuse Point of Contact will “lock” the domain name and associated records until the Complaint is determined frivolous, resolved, withdrawn, or dismissed, or pursuant to a court order or reasonable request from law enforcement. A Complaint shall not exceed 1,000 words or three (3) pages, whichever is less. Abuse Point of Contact will notify Registrar in the event a domain name has been locked.

Review Tier 1: immediate action to protect the public interest: In the event of a report of alleged criminal or otherwise illegal or prohibited conduct requiring immediate action to protect the public interest, the Abuse Point of Contact will initiate an “Immediate Review of Request for Suspension in the Public Interest” (see Step Two below).

Review Tier 2: optional appointment of an independent Ombudsperson: In the event of a Complaint alleging non-compliance with the Registry Policies that does not require immediate action to protect the public interest, the Abuse Point of Contact will contact the parties to explore their interest in confidential and non-binding mediation aimed at facilitating an amicable resolution between the parties (see Steps Three through Seven below).

If the Abuse Point of Contact considers that the Complaint does not address a matter covered by the Registry Policies, is deficient, or is frivolous, the filing/complaining party (Complainant) will be promptly notified of the deficiencies identified. The Complainant has five (5) business days from the receipt of notification to correct the deficiencies and return the Complaint, failing which, the Abuse Point of Contact will deem the Complaint to be withdrawn and the domain lock will be removed. This will not prevent the Complainant from submitting a different Complaint in the future.

Step Two: Immediate Review of Request for Suspension in the Public Interest

On receipt of a Complaint or report of alleged criminal or otherwise illegal or prohibited conduct requiring immediate action to protect the public interest, the Abuse Point of Contact will initiate an “Immediate Review of Request for Suspension in the Public Interest” to determine, whether or not specifically requested by the Complainant, if a Critical Issue Suspension (CIS) is warranted.

A request for a CIS may be granted in cases where there is a compelling and demonstrable threat to the stability of the Internet, critical infrastructure, or public safety. A CIS does not terminate the Registrant’s rights or their domain name registration; it simply modifies the Name Server records in the zone, temporarily disabling resolution. Suspensions under the CRS, including a CIS, may be appealed to the Ombudsperson’s office for resolution.

Absent compelling circumstances including, but not limited to, a court order or reasonable request from law enforcement, where the Abuse Point of Contact has activated a CIS, a suspension notice will be sent to the Registrant’s administrative contact with a copy to the Registrar, usually within 48 hours.

Step Three: Formal Notification of Complaint

Any Complaint alleging non-compliance with the Registry Policies must be submitted to the Abuse Point of Contact using the webform provided on the Registry's website; all required fields must be complete, the Complaint must be signed electronically, and any fee required by the webform must be paid in advance of the Abuse Point of Contact attending to the complaint. The types of conduct that may be raised as the basis for a Complaint alleging non-compliance with the Acceptable Use Policy can be found on the Registry's website.

In the event that a Complaint alleging non-compliance with the Registry Policies is submitted to the Abuse Point of Contact, typically within 5 business days of receipt of the Complaint, the Abuse Point of Contact will send a "Formal Notification of Complaint" including a copy of the Complaint, by email to the Respondent using the administrative contact details provided in the Whois for the domain name as well as to any other Registrant email addresses provided by the Complainant.

Either Party may provide an additional email address by notifying the Abuse Point of Contact; the Registrant may not, however, change the Registrant information for the domain name without mutual agreement of the parties or unless a settlement is reached.

Communications must be in English and any email attachments should be in a standard format, such as Microsoft Word or PDF, and should not exceed 10MB individually or 50MB together.

Any communication between the Parties shall copy the other Party, the Abuse Point of Contact, and the Ombudsperson, if appointed.

Except as otherwise decided by the Abuse Point of Contact in its sole discretion, all communications under the CRS shall be deemed received at the date and time on which the email or communication was sent as determined by the time zone of the Abuse Point of Contact; in case of doubt, however, it shall be the responsibility of the sending party to provide proof of transmission.

Step Four: Commencement of Complaint Resolution Service Proceedings

At the same time as the notification to the Parties (by email) of the commencement of a CRS proceeding, the Abuse Point of Contact will contact the parties to explain the confidential and non-binding nature of the CRS, and to gauge their interest in Registry-facilitated mediation aimed at allowing the Parties to reach an amicable solution.

For the avoidance of doubt, even if the Parties do not decide to engage in CRS-based mediation, the Registry may, in its sole discretion (including based on reports made to the Registry by third parties), suspend, transfer, or terminate a Registrant's service, including a domain name registration, for violation of any of the requirements or provisions of the Registry Policies on receipt of a complaint if the Registry believes (a) a violation has or may have occurred; and/or (b) suspension and/or termination may be in the public interest. Also, for the avoidance of any doubt, the Respondent may submit a Response even if it decides not to participate in mediation, e.g., to provide information to the Registry as to any alleged non-compliance.

Step Five: the Response

Within fifteen (15) business days of the date of commencement of a CRS proceeding, the Respondent (i.e., the domain name Registrant) may submit a Response.

The Response must be submitted to the Abuse Point of Contact using the webform provided on the Registry's website; all required fields must be completed, and the Response must be signed electronically.

Using the Registry's webform, the Response shall:

- a. **specifically dispute each alleged instance of non-compliance (the "grounds for the Complaint") raised by the Complainant that the Respondent wishes to rely upon to rebut the Complainant's assertions;**
- b. **indicate whether the Respondent wishes to be contacted directly or through an authorized representative—if the Respondent wishes to use an authorized representative, their contact details including email address must be provided;**
- c. **mention whether any legal proceedings have been commenced (even if terminated) in connection with the domain name(s) which is the subject of the Complaint; and**
- d. **not exceed 1,000 words or three (3) pages, whichever is less.**

Once submitted, a copy of the Response will be forwarded to the Complainant and to the Respondent as soon as practicable. In the event there is no Response, the Complaint shall be deemed closed; the Parties may however submit a new Complaint in future, or a UDRP or URS or court claim.

Step Six: Reply by the Complainant

Within five (5) business days of receiving the Respondent's Response, the Complainant may submit a Reply to the Respondent's Response, which shall not exceed 1,000 words or three (3) pages, whichever is less (annexes may only be included with the permission of the Abuse Point of Contact). The Reply should be confined to answering any new points raised in the Response that could not have reasonably been foreseen when the Complaint was submitted.

Step Seven: Amicable Complaint Resolution (Ombudsperson)

If the Parties have agreed to mediation, within ten (10) business days of the receipt of the Complainant's Reply (or the expiry of the deadline to do so), the Abuse Point of Contact will arrange with the Ombudsperson's office for mediation to be conducted. Mediation will be conducted in a manner that the Ombudsperson, at their sole discretion, considers appropriate.

Mediation conducted between the Parties during mediation (including any information obtained from or in connection to negotiations) shall be strictly confidential as between the Parties and the Ombudsperson. Neither the Ombudsperson nor any Party may use or reveal details of such negotiations to any third parties (including a UDRP or URS provider) unless ordered to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction.

If the Parties reach settlement during the mediation, then the existence, nature, and terms of the settlement shall be confidential as between the Parties unless the Parties specifically agree otherwise, a court competent jurisdiction orders otherwise, or applicable laws or regulations require it.

Any settlement reached by the Parties must be in writing to be enforceable and should include instructions for the Registry (and if applicable, Registrar) concerning the disposition of domain name and timing; the Ombudsperson will provide a (non-mandatory) template for such purposes.

If the Parties did not achieve an acceptable resolution through mediation within twenty (20) business days of the appointment of an Ombudsperson, the Ombudsperson will send notice to the Parties and Abuse Point of Contact that it does not appear that the Complaint can be resolved through the CRS. In such case, the Complainant shall have the option of availing itself of the courts or other processes such as the UDRP or URS. The Registry shall unlock the domain name within fifteen (15) business days of such notice from the Ombudsperson.

Effect of Court Proceedings

If, before or during the course of proceedings under the CRS, the Ombudsperson or Abuse Point of Contact is made aware that legal proceedings have begun in or before a court or other body of competent jurisdiction, including but not limited to a URS or UDRP proceeding, and that such legal proceeding specifically relates to a domain name and conduct which is the subject of a Complaint, the CRS will be terminated.

A Party must promptly notify the Ombudsperson if it initiates or becomes aware of legal proceedings before a court or panel of competent jurisdiction, including but not limited to a URS or UDRP proceeding, relating to a domain name which is the subject of a Complaint during the course of proceedings under the CRS.

The applicable fees with respect to the referral of proceedings under the CRS to the Ombudsperson are (in AUD) \$100 plus applicable taxes for Complaints involving 1-5 domain names and only one Complainant. For Complaints involving 6 or more domain names, the Ombudsperson and/or Abuse Point of Contact will set a fee in consultation with the Abuse Point of Contact. Fees are calculated on a cost-recovery basis; the Registry does not intend profit from its mediation or administration services of the Complaint Resolution Service.

Exclusion of Liability

Neither the Registry employees, directors, officers, representatives, delegees, shareholders, agents, successors, and/or assigns or those of its affiliates; nor any employee or agent of the Ombudsperson shall be liable to a Party for anything done or omitted, whether (to the extent permitted by applicable law) negligently or otherwise, in connection with any proceedings under the CRS unless the act or omission is shown to have been intentionally done in bad faith.

REGISTRY-REGISTRAR AGREEMENT

This Registry-Registrar Agreement (the “Agreement”) is dated as of (“Effective Date”) by and between KredTLD Pty Ltd, or its successor registry (the “Registry”), and _____, a corporation, with its principal place of business located at _____ (“Registrar”). The Registrar may be referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.” This Agreement applies to the top-level domains (“TLDs”) indicated on **Schedule A**.

WHEREAS, multiple Registrars may provide Internet domain name registration services for this TLD for which the Registry operates and maintains a multiple registrar Shared Registry System (SRS);

WHEREAS, the Registrar wishes to register domain names in the SRS for this TLD.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises, benefits and covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt, adequacy, and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Registry and the Registrar, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. Definitions

The following terms used in this Registry–Registrar Agreement have the following meaning;

- a. “Confidential Information” means all information and materials including, without limitation: computer software, data, information, databases, protocols, reference implementation and documentation, and functional and interface specifications, provided by the disclosing party to the receiving party unless otherwise marked or identified as non-confidential.
- b. “EPP” means the Extensible Provisioning Protocol.
- c. “ICANN” refers to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.
- d. “IP” means Internet Protocol.
- e. “Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy” refers to ICANN’s Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy, as may be amended from time to time, and is incorporated by reference herein.
- f. The “Licensed Product” refers to the intellectual property required to access the Supported Protocol, and to the application programming interface (API), and software, collectively.
- g. “Registered Name” refers to a domain name within the domain of the TLD, for which the Registry maintains data in a registry database, arranges for such maintenance, or derives revenue from such maintenance. A name in a registry database may be a Registered

Name even though it may not appear in a TLD zone file (e.g., a registered but inactive name).

- h. “Registry TLD” means the .Kred TLD.
- i. “Supported Protocol” means the Registry’s implementation of EPP, or any successor protocols, supported by the SRS.
- j. The “System” refers to the multiple registrar system operated by Registry for the registration of Registered Names in the Registry TLD.
- k. A “TLD” is a top-level domain of the DNS.

2. Obligations of the Parties

- a. SRS Operation and Access. Throughout the Term of this Agreement, the Registry shall operate the SRS and provide the Registrar with access to the SRS to transmit domain name registration information for the TLD(s) set forth in Schedule A to the SRS. Nothing in this Agreement entitles the Registrar to, and the Registrar has no right to, enforce any agreement between the Registry and ICANN.
- b. Maintenance of Registrations Sponsored by the Registrar. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, ICANN requirements, and Registry requirements including, without limitation, those authorized by ICANN, each as may be amended from time to time, the Registry shall maintain the registrations of Registered Names sponsored by the Registrar in the SRS during the term of the domain name registration.
- c. Access to the SRS. Subject to the Registrar’s successful completion of testing required by the Registry, the Registry will provide full access to the SRS for the TLD(s) set forth in Schedule A. The Registry shall make available to the Registrar: (i) an operational testing environment where Registrars may test the SRS; (ii) following the Registry’s certification, at its sole discretion, that the Registrar has successfully completed the testing required by the Registry, the Registry will provide full documentation of the Supported Protocol, APIs to the Supported Protocol with documentation, and Registrar toolkits that will allow the Registrar to connect via EPP to the SRS to register second-level domain names through the SRS for the TLD(s) set forth in Schedule A. If the Registry elects to modify or upgrade the APIs and/or Supported Protocol, in the Registry’s sole discretion, the Registry shall provide Registrar with ninety (90) days prior written notice and updated APIs to the Supported Protocol with documentation. It is the responsibility of the Registrar to implement such API updates in a timely fashion.
- d. Registrar Responsibility for Customer Support. The Registrar shall provide Registrants with commercially reasonable customer service and support for the registration, cancellation, modification, renewal, deletion, redemption or transfer of Registered Names, domain name record support, billing, and technical support. The Registrar shall, consistent with ICANN policies, provide to Registrants emergency contact or 24/7 support

information for critical situations, such as domain name hijacking, disputes over ownership of and access to domain names, pending deletions, and other disruptions of the registration and/or use of Registered Name(s).

- e. Data Submission Requirements. As part of its registration and sponsorship of Registered Names in the TLD(s), the Registrar shall submit complete data as required by the technical specifications of the SRS that are made available to the Registrar from time to time. The Registrar shall submit any corrections or updates from a Registrant relating to the registration information for a Registered Name to the Registry in a timely manner, and shall comply with all ICANN policies concerning the submission of complete and accurate data, including, without limitation, ICANN's Whois Data Reminder Policy (WDRP).
- f. License. The Registrar grants the Registry a non-exclusive, royalty-free, non-transferable, worldwide limited license to the data elements consisting of the Registered Name, the IP addresses of nameservers, the identity of the registering Registrar, and other data required or permitted by the technical specifications of the SRS, as made available to the Registrar by the Registry from time to time or as required by ICANN for propagation and the provision of authorized access to the TLD zone files, or as otherwise required or permitted by a Registry's Registry Agreement with ICANN concerning the operation of the TLD, as may be amended from time to time.
- g. Registrar's Registration Agreement and Domain Name Dispute Policy. The Registrar shall have in effect an electronic or paper registration agreement with each Registrant, which may be amended from time to time by the Registrar but which shall at all times include, subject to applicable law, a link to the terms of the Registrant Agreement and Registry Policies included below, especially with regard to those terms that are required by ICANN. The initial form of Registrar's registration agreement is attached as Exhibit B (which may contain multiple alternative forms of the registration agreement). The current version of the Registrar's registration agreement must also be posted on the Registrar's Web site. The Registrar shall include in its registration agreement those terms required by this Agreement and other terms that are consistent with the Registrar's obligations to the Registry under this Agreement. The Registrar shall employ in its domain name registration agreement a requirement for registrants to submit to the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP), Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS), Complaint Resolution Service (CRS), and the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy, each in their most recent form and each as may be amended from time to time. In its registration agreement with each Registrant, the Registrar shall require such Registrant to:
 - i. acknowledge and agree that the Registry reserves the right to deny, cancel, or transfer any registration or transaction, or place any domain name(s) on registry lock, hold, or similar status as it deems necessary, in its unlimited and sole discretion: (1) to comply with specifications adopted by any industry group generally recognized as authoritative with respect to the Internet (e.g., RFCs); (2) to correct mistakes made by the Registry or any Registrar in connection with a domain name registration; (3) if required by a URS, UDRP, CRS proceeding; or (4) for the non-payment of fees to the Registry; and

- ii. indemnify and hold harmless the Registry and its subcontractors, and its and their employees, directors, officers, representatives, delegees, shareholders, affiliates, agents, **successors, and/or assigns** from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including reasonable legal fees and expenses arising out of or relating to, for any reason whatsoever, the Registrant's domain name registration. The Registrar's registration agreement shall further require that this indemnification obligation survive the termination or expiration of the registration agreement
- h. Secure Connection. The Registrar agrees to develop and employ in its domain name registration business all necessary technology, procedures, processes, and restrictions to ensure that its connection to the SRS is secure. All data exchanged between the Registrar's system and the SRS shall be protected to avoid unintended disclosure of information. The Registrar shall employ commercially reasonable measures to prevent its access to the Registry System granted hereunder from being used to (1) allow, enable, or otherwise support the transmission by email, telephone, or facsimile of mass unsolicited advertising or solicitations to persons or entities other than its own existing customers; or (2) enable high volume, automated, electronic processes that send queries or data to the systems of the Registry, any other registry operated under an agreement with ICANN, or any ICANN-accredited the Registrar, except as reasonably necessary to register domain names or modify existing registrations.

Each EPP session shall be authenticated and encrypted using two-way secure socket layer ("SSL") protocol. The Registrar agrees to authenticate every EPP client connection with the SRS using both (i) a server certificate issued by a commercial Certification Authority of Registrar's sole choice and (ii) its Registrar password, which it shall disclose only to its employees with a need to know. The Registrar agrees to notify the Registry within four (4) hours of learning that its Registrar password has been compromised in any way or if its server certificate has been revoked by the issuing Certification Authority or compromised in any way.

Additionally, the Registrar must ensure that access to registrant accounts is adequately protected by, at a minimum, a secure log-in process that requires username and password authentication and the Registrar must comply with all other security-related ICANN Registrar accreditation requirements.

Upon ninety (90) days prior written notification to the Registrar, the Registry may require other industry standard security provisions, practices, or technology to ensure that the Registry System is secure and stable, which the Registry may adopt from time to time in its sole and complete discretion. Failure by the Registrar to comply with the Registry's standards as in effect at any time will be considered a material breach of this Agreement.

- i. Handling of Personal information. The Registry shall notify the Registrar in writing of the purposes for which Personal Information submitted to the Registry by the Registrar is collected, the intended recipients (or categories of recipients) of such Personal

Information, and the mechanism for access to and correction of such Personal Information. The Registry shall take all steps required by applicable laws, rules, and regulations to protect Personal Information from loss, misuse, unauthorized disclosure, alteration or destruction; provided, however, that the Registry shall not be liable in the event of the loss, misuse, unauthorized disclosure, alteration or destruction of Personal Information. The Registry shall not use or authorize the use of Personal Information in a way that is incompatible with the notice provided to the Registrars or applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The Registry may from time to time use the demographic data collected for statistical analysis, provided that this analysis will not disclose individual Personal information and provided that such use is compatible with the notice provided to the Registrars regarding the purpose and procedures for such use. Registry will not share, sell, rent or otherwise disclose such Personal Information to any third parties.

- ii. Authorization Codes. The Registrar shall not provide identical Registrar-generated authorization <authinfo> codes for domain names registered by different registrants with the same Registrar. The Registry in its sole discretion may choose to modify <authinfo> codes for a given domain and shall notify the sponsoring Registrar of such modifications via EPP poll event within 300 seconds of modification (i.e., EPP<poll> and EPP<domain:Info>) provided that such functionality is supported by Registry service provider. Registry will notify Registrar of modifications made by the Registry to the Registrar's domain name registrations, via email or other method as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties, within twenty four (24) hours of any change. Documentation of these mechanisms shall be made available to the Registrar by the Registry. The Registrar shall provide the Registrant with timely access to the authorization code along with the ability to modify the authorization code; the Registrar shall respond to any inquiry by a Registrant regarding access to and/or modification of an authorization code within five (5) calendar days.
- i. Domain Name Lookup Capability. The Registrar agrees to employ in its domain name registration business the Registry's domain directory service (Whois) registry domain name lookup capability to determine if a requested domain name is available or currently unavailable for registration. If required by ICANN, the Registrar also agrees, at its expense, to provide an interactive web page and a port 43 Whois service providing free public query-based access to up-to-date (i.e., updated at least daily) data concerning all active Registered Names sponsored by the Registrar for the TLD. The data accessible shall consist of elements that are designated from time to time according to an ICANN-adopted specification or policy or the Registrar Accreditation Agreement between the Registrar and ICANN.
- j. Transfer of Sponsorship of Registrations. The Registrar agrees to implement transfers of Registered Name registrations from another Registrar to the Registrar and *vice versa* pursuant to the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy as may be amended from time to time by ICANN. Registry will allow and support bulk transfer to Registrar, without extension of the registration term, and Registry Operator will reimburse Registrar for fees incurred under the Transfer Policy,

- k. Time. The Registrar agrees that, in the event of any dispute concerning the time of the entry of a domain name registration into the Registry database, the time shown in the Registry records shall control.
- l. Compliance with Operational Requirements. The Registrar shall comply with each of the following requirements, as may be in effect from time to time, and, further, shall include in its registration agreement with each Registrant an obligation for such Registrant to comply with each of the following requirements:
 - i. ICANN standards, policies, procedures, and practices for which the Registry has monitoring responsibility in accordance with the Registry Agreement or other arrangement with ICANN; and
 - ii. Operational standards, policies, procedures, and practices for the TLD established from time to time by the Registry in a non-arbitrary manner and applicable to all Registrars (“Operational Requirements”), including affiliates of the Registry, and consistent with the Registry’s Registry Agreement with ICANN, as applicable, provided that the Registry’s provides ninety (90) days prior written notification to the Registrar of the establishment of those terms and conditions.
- m. Resolution of Technical Problems or Breach of Agreement. The Registrar agrees to employ necessary employees, contractors, or agents with sufficient technical training and experience to respond to and fix all technical problems concerning the use of the Supported Protocol, the APIs, and the Registry’s SRS in conjunction with the Registrar’s systems. The Registrar agrees that, in the event of significant degradation of the SRS or other emergency, or upon the Registrar’s violation of the Registry operational requirements or breach of this Agreement, the Registry may, in its sole discretion, temporarily suspend or restrict access to the SRS. Such temporary suspensions or restrictions shall be applied in a non-arbitrary manner and shall be applied non-discriminatorily to any Registrar similarly situated, including affiliates of the Registry. Except in the event of an emergency, Registry Operator will provide advance notice via email and phone call to Registrar technical contact prior to any temporary access suspension or restriction.
- n. Prohibited Domain Name Registrations. In addition to complying with ICANN standards, policies, procedures, and practices limiting domain names that may be registered, the Registrar agrees to comply with applicable statutes and regulations limiting the domain names that may be registered.
- o. ICANN Requirements. The Registry’s obligations hereunder are subject to modification at any time as the result of ICANN-mandated requirements and ICANN Consensus Policies. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Registrar shall comply with any such ICANN requirements in accordance with the timeline defined by ICANN.
- p. Accredited Registrar. During the term of this Agreement, the Registrar shall maintain in full

force and effect its accreditation by ICANN as a Registrar for the TLD under the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement or any subsequent version thereof. Failure to maintain such accreditation shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement

3. License

- a. License Grant. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Registry hereby grants the Registrar and the Registrar accepts a non-exclusive, royalty-free, non-transferable, worldwide limited license to use for the Term and purposes of this Agreement the Licensed Product, as well as updates and redesigns thereof, to provide domain name registration services in the TLD only and for no other purpose. The Licensed Product, as well as updates and redesigns thereof, will enable the Registrar to register domain names in the TLD with the Registry on behalf of its Registrants. The Registrar, using the Licensed Product, as well as updates and redesigns thereof, will be able to invoke the following operations on the SRS: (i) check the availability of a domain name, (ii) register a domain name, (iii) renew a domain name, (iv) cancel the registration of a domain name it has registered, (v) update the nameservers of a domain name, (vi) transfer a domain name from another Registrar to itself with proper authorization (or *vice versa*), (vii) query a domain name registration record, (viii) register a nameserver, (ix) update the IP addresses of a nameserver, (x) delete a nameserver, (xi) query a nameserver, (xii) establish and end an authenticated session, and (xiii) redeem a domain name.
- b. Limitations on Use. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of the Registry, the Registrar shall not: (i) sublicense the Licensed Product or otherwise permit any use of the Licensed Product by or for the benefit of any party other than the Registrar, (ii) publish, distribute or permit disclosure of the Licensed Product other than to employees, contractors, and agents of the Registrar for use in the Registrar's domain name registration business, (iii) decompile, reverse engineer, copy, or re-engineer the Licensed Product for any unauthorized purpose, (iv) use or permit use of the Licensed Product in violation of the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia, U.S. law, International law, any local rule, regulation or law, or for any unlawful purpose. The Registrar agrees to employ the necessary measures to prevent its access to the SRS granted hereunder from being used to (i) allow, enable, or otherwise support the transmission by email, telephone, or facsimile of mass unsolicited, commercial advertising or solicitations to entities other than the Registrar's customers; or (ii) enable high volume, automated, electronic processes that send queries or data to the SRS of the Registry or any ICANN-Accredited Registrar, except as reasonably necessary to register domain names or modify existing registrations.
- c. Changes to Licensed Materials. The Registry may from time to time replace or make modifications to the Licensed Product licensed hereunder, at its sole discretion, with one hundred eighty (180) days prior written notice.

4. Support Services

- a. Engineering Support. The Registry agrees to make available to the Registrar reasonable Registrar Liaison telephone support 24x7x365 to address issues arising in connection with the Registrar's use of the SRS.
- b. Customer Service Support. During the Term of this Agreement, the Registry will make customer service support available to the Registrar only, and not to Registrants or prospective customers of the Registrar, at the service levels set by ICANN, for nontechnical issues solely relating to the SRS and its operation. The Registry may make additional levels of customer service support available to the Registrar at its sole discretion. The Registry will provide the Registrar with a telephone number and email address for such support during implementation of the Licensed Product. First-level telephone support will be available on a 7-day/24-hour basis.
- c. Registry will provide Registrar access to such zone files, which will be updated by Registry every twelve (12) hours. Zone files will include all domains that are not available to be registered, including, but not limited to, restricted and/or reserved domains that have not been registered. Registry will provide Registrar with a daily file that includes all Registrar registered domains with renewal and redemption pricing, if different than the standard pricing.

5. Fees

- a. Registration Fees.
 - i. The Registrar agrees to pay the Registry the non-refundable fees set forth in **Schedule B** for initial and renewal registrations and other services provided by the Registry (collectively, the "Registration Fees").
 - ii. Registry may, from time to time, provide financial incentives to Registrar for the sale of Second Level Domain Names, which will be offered for a limited duration and agreed upon by the parties in a separate writing.
 - iii. The Registry reserves the right to adjust the renewal Registration Fees at its sole discretion.
- a. *Renewal Registration Fees* - The Registrar agrees and acknowledges that renewal Registration Fees will be reviewed twice annually on the following dates; 1 April and 1 October.

The Registry agrees that any renewal price adjustment will be preceded by no less than 180 calendar days notice to the Registrar, such notice may be by email, hand, registered mail, or courier or express delivery service, and provided that such adjustments are consistent with the Registry's Registry Agreement with ICANN.

- b. *Unassigned Registration Fees* – The Registry agrees that any price adjustments to unassigned Domain Names will be preceded by 180 calendar days notice to the Registrar.

i. Price Adjustments to Changes in Premium Name Tiers

The Registry agrees that any adjustments to the pricing of premium price tiers will be preceded by at least one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days' notice to Registrar and provided that such adjustments are consistent with the Registry's Registry Agreement with ICANN.

ii. Movement of Unassigned Domain Names Amongst Premium Name Tiers

The Registry agrees that any adjustment(s) to the categorization of Domain Names amongst Premium Price Tiers set by Registry will be preceded by at least one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days prior written notice to Registrar and that such adjustment(s) of Premium Price Tiers are consistent with the Registry's Registry Agreement with ICANN.

- iv. In advance of incurring Fees, Registrar shall establish a Deposit Account, Credit Facility, or Payment Security accepted by Registry Operator, which acceptance will not be withheld so long as payment is assured. Registry Operator shall be the sole judge of whether payment is assured, and may make such a judgment based on the credit rating of Registrar, size of Registrar, payment history of Registrar, among any other factors Registry Operator deems relevant. Registry Operator shall, in its sole discretion, decide the amount that must be held in the Deposit Account, Credit Facility, or Payment Security. In the case of a Deposit Account, all Fees are due immediately upon receipt and, in the case of a Credit Facility or Payment Security, fees will be billed in arrears, within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice, for applications for initial and renewal registrations, or upon provision of other services provided by Registry Operator to Registrar. Payment shall be made via debit or draw down of the Deposit Account, Credit Facility or Payment Security approved by Registry Operator. Registry Operator shall provide monthly invoices to the Registrar.
- v. The Registration Fees due under this Agreement are exclusive of tax. All taxes, duties, fees, and other governmental charges of any kind (including sales, turnover, service, use and value-added taxes, but excluding taxes based on the net income of the Registry) which are imposed by or under the authority of any government or any political subdivision thereof on the fees for any services, software, and/or hardware shall be borne by the Registrar and shall not be considered a part of, a deduction from, or an offset against such Registration Fees. All payments due to the Registry shall be made without any deduction or withholding on account of any tax, duty, charge, or penalty except as required by law, in which case, the sum payable by the Registrar from which such deduction or withholding is to be made shall be increased to the extent necessary to ensure that, after making such deduction or withholding, the

Registry receives and retains (free from any liability with respect thereof) a net sum equal to the sum it would have received but for such deduction or withholding being required.

- b. Change in Registrar Sponsoring Domain Name. The Registrar may assume sponsorship of a Registrant's existing domain name registration from another Registrar by following the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy.
 - i. For each transfer of the sponsorship of a domain-name registration under the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy, the Registrar agrees to pay the Registry the renewal registration fee associated with a one-year extension, as set forth above. The losing Registrar's Registration Fees will not be refunded as a result of any such transfer; or
 - ii. For a transfer approved by ICANN under the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy, the Registrar agrees to pay the Registry the equivalent of a one-year registration fee for each domain-name transferred.
- c. Charges for ICANN Fees. The Registry will immediately debit the Registrar's RPA or account for any variable registry-level fees paid or to be paid by the Registry to ICANN relating to the Registrar and the Registrar's transactions. The fee will consist of two components; each component will be calculated by ICANN for each Registrar:
 - i. The transactional component of the Variable Registry-Level Fee shall be specified by ICANN in accordance with the budget adopted by the ICANN Board of Directors for each fiscal year.
 - ii. The per-Registrar component of the Variable Registry-Level Fee shall be specified by ICANN in accordance with the budget adopted by the ICANN Board of Directors for each fiscal year.
- d. Non-Payment of Fees. Timely payment of fees owing under this Section 6 is a material condition of performance under this Agreement. In the event that the Registrar fails to adequately fund its RPA to immediately pay its Registration Fees and/or Variable Registry-Level Fees, and Registrar fails to pay its fees within thirty (30) days of receipt of a past due notice, the Registry may, at its sole discretion:
 - i. stop accepting new or renewal registrations from the Registrar;
 - ii. give written notice of termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 7 (Miscellaneous: Term of Agreement and Termination: Termination for Cause) below; and/or
 - iii. pursue any other remedy under this Agreement.

6. ENS Option

In the event that the Registrar also wishes to provide their Registrants with Kred TLD ENS registrations, this Section 6 applies:

- a. The Registrar is required to appoint a suitably qualified dedicated internal Kred DNS ENS Champion.
- b. The Kred DNS ENS Champion must attend a 2 hour training session prior to the Registrar being able to sell Kred Domains.
- c. The Registry wishes to make available to each ENS Registrant, an ENS Kred wallet and a .Kred Domain Token.
- d. The Registrar agrees to send the Kred ENS email in Schedule C, to each ENS Registrant (via the Registrant's email address as recorded in the Registrar's email database) that:
 - i. Buys a .Kred domain
or
 - ii. Are the recipient of an inter-registrar or intra-registrar TRANSFER of a .Kred domain at that registrar
- e. The Registry has developed a suite of APIs (The "Kred Domain Token APIs", a component of its SocialOS API platform) that facilitate integration of the Registrar's systems with the provisioning of the Kred Domain Token.
The Registrar may wish to use these APIs to facilitate DNS and ENS control via the Kred Domain Token.
- f. After completing the training session the Registry may request access to the Kred DNS ENS Domain Token APIs.
The Registry reserves the right by providing 90 days written notice, to require the Registrar to integrate its technology platform with the Kred Domain Token APIs.

7. Miscellaneous

- a. Term of Agreement and Termination.
 - i. Term of the Agreement; Revisions. The duties and obligations of the Parties under this Agreement shall apply from the Effective Date through and including the last day of the calendar month sixty (60) months from the Effective Date (the "Initial Term"). Upon conclusion of the Initial Term, all provisions of this Agreement will automatically renew for successive five (5) year renewal periods until the Agreement has been terminated as provided herein, the Registrar elects not to renew, or the Registry ceases to

operate the registry for the TLD. In the event that revisions to the Registry's Registry-Registrar Agreement are approved or adopted by ICANN, the Registrar shall have thirty (30) calendar days from the date of notice of any such revision to review, comment on, and execute an amendment substituting the revised agreement in place of this Agreement, or the Registrar may, at its option exercised within such thirty (30) day period, terminate this Agreement immediately by giving written notice to the Registry; provided, however, that in the event the Registry does not receive such executed amendment or notice of termination from the Registrar within such thirty (30) day period of the date of the notice, the Registrar shall be deemed to have executed such amendment as of the thirty-first (31st) day after the date of the notice.

- ii. Termination for Cause. Without limiting § 6(d), above, in the event that either Party materially breaches any term of this Agreement including any of its representations and warranties hereunder and such breach is not substantially cured within thirty (30) calendar days after written notice thereof is given by the other Party, then the non-breaching Party may, by giving written notice thereof to the other Party, terminate this Agreement as of the date specified in such notice of termination.
- iii. Termination at Option of Registrar. The Registrar may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving the Registry thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination.
- iv. Termination Upon Loss of Registrar's Accreditation. This Agreement shall terminate immediately in the event that the Registrar's accreditation by ICANN, or its successor, is terminated or expires without renewal.
- v. Termination in the Event that Successor Registry Operator is Named. This Agreement shall terminate in the event that ICANN, as appropriate, designates another entity to operate the registry for the TLD.
- vi. Termination in the Event of Bankruptcy. Registry may terminate this Agreement if the Registrar is adjudged insolvent or bankrupt, or if proceedings are instituted by or against the Registrar seeking relief, reorganization, or arrangement under any laws relating to insolvency, or seeking any assignment for the benefit of creditors, or seeking the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, or trustee of the Registrar's property or assets or the liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Registrar's business.
- iv. Effect of Termination. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, the Registry will, to the extent it has the authority to do so, complete the registration of all domain names processed by the Registrar prior to the date of such expiration or termination, provided that the Registrar's payments to the Registry for Registration Fees are current and timely. Immediately upon any expiration or termination of this Agreement, the Registrar shall (i) transfer its sponsorship of Registered Name registrations to another licensed Registrar(s) of the Registry, in compliance with Part B of the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy, or any other procedures established or approved by ICANN, and (ii) either return to the Registry or certify to the Registry the destruction of all data, software, documentation, and Confidential Information it has received under

this Agreement. In the event of termination, the Registry reserves the right to immediately contact any and all Registrants to facilitate the orderly and stable transition of Registrants to other ICANN-accredited Registrars, including the Registry's affiliates. All fees owing to the Registry shall be immediately due and payable.

- v. Survival. In the event of termination of this Agreement, the following sections shall survive: (i) License; the Registrar's Registration Agreement and Domain Name Dispute Policy; Indemnification Required of Registrants; Effect of Termination; No Third Party Beneficiaries, Relationship of the Parties; Attorneys' Fees; Dispute Resolution, Choice of Law, Venue; Use of Confidential Information; Limitation of Liability; Construction; Intellectual Property; and Indemnification; (ii) the Registrant's obligations to indemnify, defend, and hold the Registry, as stated in Section 2(g)(ii); and (iii) the Registrar's payment obligations as set forth in Section 6 with respect to fees incurred during the term of this Agreement. Neither Party shall be liable to the other for damages of any sort resulting solely from terminating this Agreement in accordance with its terms but each Party shall be liable for any damage arising from any breach by it of this Agreement.
- b. No Third Party Beneficiaries, Relationship of the Parties. This Agreement does not provide and shall not be construed to provide third parties (i.e., non-parties to this Agreement), including any Registrant, with any remedy, claim, cause of action, or privilege. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating an employer-employee or agency relationship, a partnership or a joint venture between the Parties.
- c. Force Majeure. Neither Party shall be responsible for any failure to perform any obligation or provide service hereunder because of any Act of God, strike, work stoppage, governmental acts or directives, war, riot or civil commotion, equipment or facilities shortages which are being experienced by providers of telecommunications services generally, or other similar force beyond such Party's reasonable control, provided that, as a condition to the claim of non-liability, the party experiencing the difficulty gives the other party written notice of such difficulty by email or other method of communication within a reasonable time.
- If an event of either party's Force Majeure continues beyond sixty (60) calendar days, either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the other.
- d. Further Assurances. Each Party hereto shall execute and/or cause to be delivered to each other Party hereto such instruments and other documents, and shall take such other actions, as such other Party may reasonably request for the purpose of carrying out or evidencing any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- e. Insurance Requirements

Registrar shall acquire, on or before the Effective Date, at least USD\$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand United States Dollars) in comprehensive general liability insurance from a reputable insurance provider. Registrar shall provide a certificate of insurance to

Registry, current as of the Effective Date, upon request from Registry. Such insurance shall entitle Registry and the Registry Related Parties to seek compensation under such policy, in respect of all costs and damages (including reasonable attorney's fees) which any of them may suffer by reason of Registrar's failure to meet its indemnification obligations under this Agreement.

- f. Amendment in Writing. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any amendment or supplement to this Agreement must be in writing and duly executed by both Parties. Any new services approved by ICANN and purchased by the Registrar will be subject to such terms and conditions as may be established by the Registry through an appendix to this Agreement executed by the Registrar and the Registry.
- g. Attorneys' Fees. If any legal action or other legal proceeding (including arbitration) relating to the performance under this Agreement or the enforcement of any provision of this Agreement is brought against either Party hereto, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements (in addition to any other relief to which the prevailing Party may be entitled).
- h. Dispute Resolution, Choice of Law, Venue. The Parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve any disputes between them prior to resorting to litigation. This Agreement shall be exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia applicable to contracts made and wholly performed therein, without regard to conflict of laws principles. The Registrar hereby irrevocably consents to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of the courts of the Commonwealth of Australia, for any and all claims or disputes directed against the Registry and which arise out of, purport to enforce, construe, or otherwise relate to the TLD, this Agreement, or the Registry policies. The exclusive venue for such action shall be the courts of the Commonwealth of Australia. The Registrar waives any right to object to venue or jurisdiction based on inconvenient forum or for any other reason, and the Registrar waives any statutory or other right pursuant to the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Registrar resides to have a case relating to this Agreement adjudicated or resolved in that jurisdiction.
- i. Notices. Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be delivered to any Party under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed properly delivered, given and received when delivered (by hand, by registered mail, by courier or express delivery service, by email or by fax during business hours) to the address or fax number set forth beneath the name of such Party below, unless party has given a notice of a change of address in writing:

if to Registrar:

Customer Name:

Attention:
Physical Address:
City, State Postal:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
Email Address:

with a copy to:

Customer Name:
Attention:
Physical Address:
City, State Postal:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
Email Address:

if to the Registry:

KredTLD Pty Ltd
L6 1 Chifley Sq
Sydney 2000
Australia
notice@peoplebrowsr.com

with a copy to:

KredTLD Pty Ltd
L6 1 Chifley Sq
SYDNEY 2000
Australia
notice@peoplebrowsr.com

- j. Assignment/Sublicense. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon, the successors and permitted assigns of the Parties hereto. Registrar shall not assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement, except to an affiliate or to a successor in interest in the event of a sale of the Registrar or at least over fifty percent (50%) of its assets or securities, without the prior written consent of the Registry, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Registry may assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement to an affiliate without the consent of Registrar.
- k. Assignment in Connection with Assignment of Agreement with ICANN. In the event that the Registry's Registry Agreement with ICANN for a TLD is validly assigned, the Registry's rights under this Agreement shall be automatically assigned to the assignee of the Registry Agreement. In the event that the Registrar's accreditation agreement with

ICANN for the TLD is validly assigned, the Registrar's rights under this Agreement shall be automatically assigned to the assignee of the accreditation agreement, provided that the subsequent Registrar assumes the duties of the Registrar under this Agreement.

- I. Use of Confidential Information. During the term of this Agreement, each Party (the "Disclosing Party") may disclose its Confidential Information to the other Party (the "Receiving Party"). Each Party's use and disclosure of Confidential Information disclosed hereunder are subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - i. The Receiving Party shall treat as strictly confidential, and use all reasonable efforts to preserve the secrecy and confidentiality of, all Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party including implementing reasonable physical security measures and operating procedures.
 - ii. The Receiving Party shall make no disclosures whatsoever of any Confidential Information to others, provided however, that if the Receiving Party is a corporation, partnership, or similar entity, disclosure is permitted to the Receiving Party's officers, employees, contractors, and agents who have a demonstrable need to know such Confidential Information, provided the Receiving Party shall advise such personnel of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information and of the procedures required to maintain the confidentiality thereof, and shall require them to acknowledge in writing that they have read, understand, and agree to be individually bound by the terms of this Confidentiality Agreement.
 - iii. The Receiving Party agrees that it will use any Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party solely for the purpose of exercising its rights or performing its obligations under this Agreement and for no other purposes whatsoever.
 - iv. The Receiving Party shall not modify or remove any confidentiality legends and/or copyright notices appearing on any Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party.
 - v. The Receiving Party agrees not to prepare any derivative works based on the Confidential Information.
 - vi. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Subsection imposes no obligation upon the parties with respect to information that (i) is disclosed in the absence of a confidentiality agreement and such disclosure was agreed to by the Disclosing Party in writing prior to such disclosure; or (ii) is or has entered the public domain through no fault of the Receiving Party; or (iii) is known by the Receiving Party prior to the time of disclosure; or (iv) is independently developed by the Receiving Party without use of the Confidential Information; or (v) is made generally available by the Disclosing Party without restriction on disclosure, or (vi) is required to be disclosed by law, regulation or court order; provided, that in the event the Receiving Party is required by law, regulation, or court order to disclose any of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information, the Receiving Party will promptly notify the Disclosing Party in writing prior to making any such disclosure in order to facilitate the Disclosing Party seeking a

protective order or other appropriate remedy from the proper authority, at the Disclosing Party's expense. The Receiving Party agrees to cooperate with the Disclosing Party in seeking such order or other remedy. The Receiving Party further agrees that if the Disclosing Party is not successful in precluding the requesting legal body from requiring the disclosure of the Confidential Information, it will furnish only that portion of the Confidential Information that is legally required.

- m. Delays or Omissions; Waivers. No failure on the part of either Party to exercise any power, right, privilege, or remedy under this Agreement, and no delay on the part of either Party in exercising any power, right, privilege, or remedy under this Agreement, shall operate as a waiver of such power, right, privilege, or remedy; and no single or partial exercise or waiver of any such power, right, privilege, or remedy shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof or of any other power, right, privilege, or remedy. No Party shall be deemed to have waived any claim arising out of this Agreement, or any power, right, privilege, or remedy under this Agreement, unless the waiver of such claim, power, right, privilege, or remedy is expressly set forth in a written instrument duly executed and delivered on behalf of such Party; and any such waiver shall not be applicable or have any effect except in the specific instance in which it is given.
- n. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. EXCEPT FOR A BREACH OF SECTION 7.L. IN NO EVENT WILL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE REGISTRAR FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, EXEMPLARY OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, OR ANY DAMAGES RESULTING FROM LOSS OF PROFITS, ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. EXCEPT FOR A BREACH OF SECTION 7.L OR THE INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS, IN NO EVENT SHALL THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE LIABILITY OF THE PARTIES EXCEED THE LESSER OF (i) THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO REGISTRY UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD, OR (ii) \$500,000 (USD).
- o. Construction. The Parties agree that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not be applied in the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.
- p. Intellectual Property. Subject to Section 2(f) ("License") above, each Party will continue to independently own its intellectual property, including all patents, trademarks, trade names, service marks, copyrights, trade secrets, proprietary processes, and all other forms of intellectual property.
- q. Representations and Warranties.
 - i. Registrar. The Registrar represents and warrants that: (1) it is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of _____; (2) it has all requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver, be bound by, and perform its obligations under this Agreement; (3) it is, and during the Term of this Agreement will continue to be,

accredited by ICANN or its successor; (4) the execution, performance and delivery of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the Registrar; and (5) no further approval, authorization or consent of any governmental or regulatory authority is required to be obtained or made by the Registrar in order for it to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement.

- ii. The Registry. The Registry represents and warrants that: (1) it is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia; (2) it has all requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver, and perform its obligations under this Agreement; (3) the execution, performance, and delivery of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the Registry; and (4) no further approval, authorization, or consent of any governmental or regulatory authority is required to be obtained or made by the Registry in order for it to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- iii. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES. THE EPP, APIS, SOFTWARE, AND DATA ARE PROVIDED “AS-IS” AND WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY OF ANY KIND. THE REGISTRY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES AND/OR CONDITIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES AND CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY OR SATISFACTORY QUALITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND NONINFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS. THE REGISTRY DOES NOT WARRANT THAT THE FUNCTIONS CONTAINED IN THE EPP, APIS, OR SOFTWARE WILL MEET THE REGISTRAR’S REQUIREMENTS, OR THAT THE OPERATION OF THE EPP, APIS, OR SOFTWARE WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR-FREE, OR THAT DEFECTS IN THE EPP, APIS, DATA, OR SOFTWARE WILL BE CORRECTED. FURTHERMORE, THE REGISTRY DOES NOT WARRANT OR MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING THE USE OR THE RESULTS OF THE EPP, APIS, SOFTWARE, OR RELATED DOCUMENTATION IN TERMS OF THEIR CORRECTNESS, ACCURACY, RELIABILITY, OR OTHERWISE. SHOULD THE EPP, APIS, SOFTWARE, OR DOCUMENTATION PROVE DEFECTIVE, THE REGISTRAR ASSUMES THE ENTIRE COST OF ALL NECESSARY SERVICING, REPAIR, OR CORRECTION OF THE REGISTRAR’S OWN SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE.
- r. Indemnification. The Registrar, at its own expense and within thirty (30) days of presentation of a demand by the Registry under this paragraph, will indemnify and hold harmless the Registry and its employees, directors, officers, representatives, affiliates, delegates, shareholders, agents, **successors, and/or assigns**, against any claim, suit, action, or other proceeding brought against the Registry or any affiliate of the Registry based on or arising from any claim or alleged claim (i) relating to any product or service of the Registrar; (ii) relating to any agreement, including the Registrar’s dispute policy, with any Registrant of the Registrar; or (iii) relating to the Registrar’s domain name registration business, including, but not limited to, the Registrar’s advertising, domain name application process, systems, and other processes, fees charged, billing practices, and customer service; provided, however, that in any such case: (a) the Registry provides the

Registrar with prompt notice of any such claim, and (b) upon the Registrar's written request, the Registry will provide to the Registrar all available information and assistance reasonably necessary for the Registrar to defend such claim, provided that the Registrar reimburses the Registry for its actual and reasonable costs and expenses. The Registrar will not enter into any settlement or compromise of any such indemnifiable claim without the Registry's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Registrar will pay any and all costs, damages, and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs awarded against or otherwise incurred by the Registry in connection with or arising from any such indemnifiable claim, suit, action or proceeding. Registry, at its own expense and after presentation of a demand by Registrar under this Section, will indemnify, defend and hold harmless Registrar and its employees, directors, officers, representatives, agents, affiliates, against any of the foregoing based on or arising from any claim or alleged claim that the EPP, or SRS infringe a patent, copyright, trademark, tradeseecret or other third party intellectual property right; provided that in any such case: (i) Registrar provides Registry with prompt notice of any such claim, and (ii) upon Registry's written request, Registrar will provide to Registry all available information and assistance reasonably necessary for Registry to defend such claim, provided that Registry reimburses Registrar for their actual and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred against or otherwise incurred by the Registrar or in connection with or arising from any such indemnifiable claim, suit, action or proceeding. Registry will not enter into any settlement or compromise of any such indemnifiable claim without Registrar's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Registry will pay any and all costs, damages, and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs awarded against or otherwise incurred by Registrar in connection with or arising from any such indemnifiable claim, suit, action or proceeding.

- s. Entire Agreement; Severability. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties concerning the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals or undertakings, oral or written, with respect to the subject matter expressly set forth herein. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, each Party agrees that such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent permissible so as to effect the intent of the Parties, and the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. If necessary to effect the intent of the Parties, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to amend this Agreement to replace the unenforceable language with enforceable language that reflects such intent as closely as possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth in the first paragraph hereof.

for Registry by:

Name

Title

Date

for Registrar by:

Company Name

Name

Title

Date

Schedule A**.Kred****Schedule B****Registration Fees – Renewal and Unassigned****Prices as at 7 December 2025****Registered**

As per clause 6(a){ii}[a] of the attached agreement, the below fees apply to the renewal of .Kred Domain Name sales. Domain names associated with the Premium Price Tier are derived from the Premium Name File, as distributed from time to time. Premium Names are made available to the Registrar via EPP. The Premium Name File is referenced in clause 4(d) of the Registry-Registrar Agreement.

DESCRIPTION	WHOLESALE PRICE
Standard	\$12
Premium Tier 1	\$50
Premium Tier 2	\$100
Premium Tier 3	\$200
Premium Tier 4	\$500

Unassigned

As per clause 6(a){ii}[b] of the attached agreement, the below fees apply to the sale of Unassigned Domain Names. Domain names associated with the Premium Price Tier are derived from the Premium Name File, as distributed from time to time. Premium Names are made available to the Registrar via EPP. The Premium Name File is referenced in clause 4(d) of the dotKred Registry-Registrar Agreement.

DESCRIPTION	WHOLESALE PRICE
Standard	\$12
Premium Tier 1	\$100
Premium Tier 2	\$1,000
Premium Tier 3	\$2,000
Premium Tier 4	\$5,000

Schedule C

SUBJECT: FIRSTNAME: Activate [NAME.Kred] on ENS to link it to your web3 wallet

Congratulations on your ownership of the domain, [NAME.Kred]

All .Kred domains come with the ability to activate your name [NAME.Kred] on ENS (Ethereum Name Service) - allowing you to link your domain to your web3 wallets and interact with decentralized applications.

How it works:

1. Visit www.Domains.Kred and connect your Ethereum compatible web3 wallet
2. Enter your .Kred domain, [NAME.Kred]
3. Follow the instructions to **validate ownership of [NAME.Kred]** by creating a new TXT Record in your DNS settings here on [REGISTRAR] (or wherever you manage your DNS) - Kred will automatically check this record to validate your ownership.
4. Receive your ENS token for [NAME.Kred] - Ownership of this token will allow you to manage [NAME.Kred] on ENS.

If [NAME.Kred] was previously activated on ENS, this process will deactivate any previous ENS token and issue you a new ENS token granting you control of [NAME.Kred] on ENS.

By activating [NAME.Kred] on ENS, you are agreeing to all of the ENS terms of use at <https://discuss.ens.domains/tos>.