

## The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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10 June 2009

Mr. Kenn Palm Maxim Internet, Inc. 11605 Meridian Market View Unit 124-134 Falcon, CO 80831 **United States** 

RE: NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRAR ACCREDITATION AGREEMENT

Dear Mr. Palm:

Be advised that the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) with Maxim Internet, Inc. (Maxim) is terminated. As explained in greater detail below, this termination is based on Maxim's insolvency. Consistent with Section 5.3 of the RAA, this termination is effective immediately.

Maxim is further advised that the logo license Appendix to the above mentioned RAA is revoked. ICANN demands that Maxim remove all ICANN Trademarks immediately from Maxim's website and business materials that have been licensed to Maxim under the terms of that appendix.

Section 5.3 of the RAA allows ICANN to terminate the RAA immediately, upon notice to the registrar, when the registrar becomes insolvent.

On 30 March 2009, ICANN sent Maxim a notice of breach of RAA based on Maxim's failure to pay accreditation fees in the amount of \$122,516.47. Maxim failed to cure this breach in the time specified by the RAA. On 26 May 2009, ICANN was informed by a Maxim customer that Maxim was going out of business. ICANN staff reviewed Maxim's website and found the following message:

Attention - Maxim Internet is closing down its consumer operation. If your domain is more than 60 days old, kindly transfer it to another registrar. If your domain is not yet 60 days old, it will be in the next 10 days. At that time, please transfer it. Please send all inquiries to support@maximinternet.com.



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Using the primary contact information provided by Maxim, ICANN staff transmitted an e-mail message to you and left telephone messages for you inquiring about Maxim's intentions to remain an ICANN-accredited registrar. After failed attempts to reach you, observing that Maxim's website was no longer operational on 1 June 2009, receiving an electronic mail message from a person claiming to represent Maxim in its "close down" on 3 June 2009 and receipt of other electronic mail correspondence from you referring to the "closing" of Maxim, ICANN concluded that Maxim is insolvent.

Based on Maxim's status as an insolvent registrar, ICANN hereby provides notice that Maxim's RAA is terminated, effective immediately.

To facilitate a smooth transition of the estimated 18,000 domain names currently managed by Maxim, ICANN will follow its De-Accredited Registrar Transition Procedure (Procedure) <a href="http://www.icann.org/en/processes/registrars/de-accredited-registrar-transition-procedure-01oct08.pdf">http://www.icann.org/en/processes/registrars/de-accredited-registrar-transition-procedure-01oct08.pdf</a>. We encourage you to read the Procedure in its entirety. Pursuant to the Procedure, you may designate a bulk transfer recipient. We anticipate the full cooperation of Maxim during the transition process.

Please note that termination of Maxim's RAA does not relieve Maxim of the obligation to pay delinquent accreditation fees, which should be paid immediately. ICANN reserves the right to pursue all means available to collect all fees owed by Maxim, totaling \$153,946.09.

It is ICANN's goal to protect registrants from unnecessary harm and we look forward to amicably resolving any domain name transition issues that may arise as a result of this termination. Please feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:stacy.burnette@icann.org">stacy.burnette@icann.org</a> or at the telephone number below if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

Stacy Burnette Director

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