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ICANN Final Determination

Re: Notice of Registry Operator Request for Termination of Registry Agreement - .montblanc

On 8 May 2017, Richemont DNS Inc. notified ICANN of its intent to terminate the .montblanc Registry Agreement entered into on 23 June 2014. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, Registry Operator may terminate the Registry Agreement for any reason upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement, ICANN consulted with Richemont DNS Inc. to assess whether to transition operation of the .montblanc top-level domain (montblanc) to a successor Registry Operator.

On 16 May 2017, ICANN made a preliminary determination that operation of the .montblanc TLD need not be transitioned to a successor Registry Operator based on the following rationale:

- ⦿ Richemont DNS Inc., in its function as the Registry Operator has represented to ICANN that it does not sell, distribute or transfer control or use of any registrations in the .montblanc TLD to third parties.
- ⦿ .montblanc qualifies as a .Brand TLD.
- ⦿ Transitioning operation of the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest.
- ⦿ Only one domain name is registered in the .montblanc TLD and it is mandated by the Registry Agreement (nic.montblanc).

On 15 June 2017 after a 30-day period for comments by interested parties, no comments were received. Pursuant to Section 4.4(b) of the Registry Agreement, ICANN will proceed to terminate the .montblanc Registry Agreement by 4 November 2017.

In conformance with Section 4.5 of the Registry Agreement (as modified by Section 6 of Specification 13 for this .Brand TLD), ICANN may not delegate the TLD to a successor registry operator for a period of two years without Registry Operator's consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

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