



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

26 September 2014

Mr. Lucky M. Masilela, CEO
ZA Central Registry

Dear Mr. Masilela:

Thank you for your letter of 20 September 2014. We have posted the letter to the New gTLD correspondence page (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/masilela-to-willet-20sep14-en.pdf>).

As I think you know, ICANN has also been in contact with the Independent Review Proceeding (IRP) Panel and vocal about the pace of the progress for the IRP brought by DotConnectAfrica Trust. We have made our views on that subject known to the IRP Panel on multiple occasions.

The Panel recently scheduled a final hearing on this matter on 19 December 2014 (see order at <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/procedural-order-3-05sep14-en.pdf>). We do not know how long it will take the Panel after the hearing to render its declaration, but we are optimistic that the Panel will issue its decision swiftly.

Because of the delays associated with the IRP, ICANN is prepared to enter into discussions with ZACR regarding a possible extension of your registry agreement Effective Date. Perhaps we can discuss your extension request in person during our meeting at ICANN 51 in Los Angeles.

Thank you for your communication and your participation in ICANN's multi-stakeholder process.

Sincerely,

Christine A. Willett
Vice President, GDD Operation