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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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RE: Referral of Request for New Registry Service

Dear Cherian,

The following provides information regarding the status of Tralliance Corporation's recent proposal to provide a new registry service. On 23 August 2006, Tralliance Corporation submitted a draft proposal through the Registry Request Service (RRS) for a new registry service called "search.travel" (" the Proposal"). ICANN requested additional information be added to the Proposal. After receipt of that information, on 31 August, in accordance with the Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP), ICANN commenced its 15-calendar day review period, in order to make a preliminary determination on whether the Proposal required further consideration because it might raise either significant security and stability or competition issues. This letter is to inform you that ICANN has made a preliminary determination on the Proposal that has been posted at <http://www.icann.org/registries/rsep/icann-to-travel-13sep06.pdf> on the ICANN website.

ICANN's preliminary review of the Proposal has not identified any significant competition issues that might be raised that would warrant referral of the Proposal to a government competition authority. The preliminary review has concluded, however, that the Proposal might raise significant Security and Stability issues. Accordingly, ICANN has determined to submit the Proposal to the Registry Services Technical Evaluation Panel (RSTEP) for further evaluation.

Under Section 2.4 of the RSEP, ICANN "may seek expert advice during the preliminary determination period, (from entities or persons subject to confidentiality agreements) on the ... Security or Stability implications of the Registry Service. In order to assist with our preliminary determination, ICANN solicited input and advice from ICANN's Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC). The response states that "SSAC does not see any material difference between Tralliance's request and the service that VeriSign initiated in September 2003. We believe our advice in that matter applies directly to Tralliance as well…we advise against Tralliance's proposal." A copy of the response is attached to this letter.

The preliminary review also included a review of the sTLD application process. During the technical review of the .travel sTLD application, Tralliance was asked if the registry or sponsor intended to introduce a wildcard into the zone. Tralliance responded that it would not absent the acceptance of the SSAC and IETF.

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The SSAC letter will be posted along with the Tralliance proposal for new registry service.

Tralliance has until Tuesday, 19 September 2006 (two business days following the expiration of the 15 calendar day period) to decide whether to continue with the evaluation of this Proposal by the RSTEP or withdraw the Proposal from consideration. Upon referral, the Chair of the RSTEP will select a five-person Review Team from among the members of the RSTEP. The Review Team will have 45 calendar days from referral to prepare a written report regarding the proposed service's effect on Security or Stability, which will be posted for public comment and provided to the ICANN Board.

Please advise whether Tralliance intends to proceed with its Proposal.

Sincerely,

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