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Attention: New gTLD Evaluation Process

Berlin, 05.04.2012

Subject: Letter of support for the new gTLD **.taxi**

Dear Sir or Madam, distinguished Representatives of ICANN,

This letter is to confirm that Taxi Deutschland e.V., as well as its constituency fully support the application for the gTLD **.taxi** submitted to ICANN by TaxiPay GmbH in the New gTLD Program. As Chairman of Taxi Deutschland e.V., I hereby confirm that I have the authority of Taxi Deutschland e.V. to be writing to you on this matter.

TaxiPay GmbH is a privately-held company founded in Berlin, Germany in 2007. The company provides payment and billing services for the top four taxi brands in Berlin. TaxiPay GmbH is also the sole owner of these very four trademarks. TaxiPay GmbH also provides information, training and consulting services for more than 13,000 taxi drivers in the city of Berlin and throughout Germany and Western Europe.

Taxi Deutschland e.V. was founded in 2008 by Stuttgarter Taxiverband (Taxi Association Stuttgart), the Federal Taxi Associations of Schleswig-Holstein, Lower Saxony, Berlin and Brandenburg, as well as two taxi associations of the State of Hamburg. Thus, Taxi Deutschland e.V. represents a major portion of regional German taxi companies, associations and entrepreneurs.

The main responsibilities of Taxi Deutschland e.V. include the following:

- Representation of the taxi and rental car industry towards public authorities and institutions
- Consulting of its constituents concerning all industry-relevant issues
- Pricing recommendations for authorities in responsibility of regulating all transport services within Germany
- Mediation of disputes amongst members of Taxi Deutschland e.V.
- Fostering of a mutual understanding and sense of identification with the industry amongst taxi and rental car companies, as well as industry-related persons, other relevant companies and organizations

We feel that TaxiPay GmbH's mission, its services and its reputation within the industry all stand for the same values as promoted by Taxi Deutschland e.V. Hence, I fully support the applicant's endeavor for the new gTLD **.taxi**

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TaxPay GmbH is a private-held company founded in Berlin, Germany in 2001. The company provides payment and billing services for the taxi industry in Berlin. TaxPay GmbH is also the sole owner of these very own taximeters. TaxPay GmbH also provides information, training and consulting services for more than 18.000 taxi drivers in the city of Berlin and throughout Germany and Western Europe. Taxi Deutschland e.V. was founded in 2008 by Stuttgart, Tax Association (Tax Association Stuttgart), the Federal Tax Association of Schleswig-Holstein, Lower Saxony, Berlin and Brandenburg, as well as two local associations of the State of Hamburg. Thus, Taxi Deutschland e.V. represents a major portion of regional taxi associations and companies.

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It is Taxi Deutschland e.V.'s understanding that first and foremost, the gTLD .taxi will be used to assign a dedicated and recognizable address space to members of the global taxi community, including individual entrepreneurs, offices, companies, not-for-profit-organizations and associations, relevant industry partners, such as special insurance providers, auto shops, software suppliers, and the like, as well as related divisions of public authorities. In doing so, the gTLD .taxi will foster the further development of the taxi community, and serve as a common online platform for all of its members. Being used exclusively by members of the taxi community, the gTLD .taxi will be established as a sign of both quality and trustworthiness of information.

We appreciate the application for TLD .taxi by TaxiPay GmbH and do believe that TaxiPay GmbH will guarantee the TLD's exclusive use for taxi industry-related content. To ensure this, registrations of Second Level Domains under these gTLDs shall not be limited to TaxiPay GmbH, but open to other members of the taxi industry on the condition of substantial proof of affiliation to the general taxi community.

Taxi Deutschland e.V. and TaxiPay GmbH have been very closely cooperating since the foundation of Taxi Deutschland e.V. in 2008. Furthermore, Taxi Deutschland e.V. has worked closely with the applicant in the development of this proposal. Various arrangements have been negotiated to favor a registration of domains under the new gTLD.

Taxi Deutschland e.V. fully supports this application, and understands that in the event that the application is successful, TaxiPay GmbH will be required to enter into a Registry Agreement with ICANN. In doing so, they will be required to pay fees to ICANN and comply with consensus policies developed through the ICANN multi-stakeholder policy processes.

We further understand that, in the event of a dispute between Taxi Deutschland e.V. and the applicant, ICANN will comply with a legally binding order from a court in the jurisdiction of Germany.

The application for .taxi is submitted as a community-based application. As such, it is understood that the Registry Agreement will reflect the community restrictions proposed in the application. If we came to believe that the registry is not complying with these restrictions, possible measures of recourse do include the Registry Restrictions Dispute Resolution Procedure.

I can advise that in the event that this application is successful, Taxi Deutschland e.V. will enter into a separate agreement with the applicant. This agreement will outline the conditions under which we support them in the operation of the TLD, and circumstances under which we would withdraw that support. ICANN will not be a party to this agreement, and enforcement of this agreement lies fully with Taxi Deutschland e.V. I would request that if additional information is required during the application process, that I myself, Ertan Ucar, be contacted in the first instance:

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Thank you for the opportunity to support this application.

Yours sincerely,



Ertan Ucar
Chairman Taxi Deutschland e.V.

