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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject: New gTLD Evaluation Process, Endorsement for the .gea Top-Level Domain application by GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft from GEA Process Engineering Inc., 9165 Rumsey Road, Columbia, Maryland 21045, USA

GEA Process Engineering Inc. is a subsidiary of GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft. GEA Process Engineering Inc. designs and sells production plants and systems for the dairy, brewery, food, chemical and pharmaceutical industries.

After reviewing the plans of GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft concerning its .gea top-level domain application at ICANN, we have the pleasure to announce that GEA Process Engineering Inc. fully supports this initiative.

A .gea top-level domain will make the content of the GEA community on the internet more intuitively accessible and will give customers, partners and internet users greater confidence. We understand that in the event that the application is successful, GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft will enter into an agreement with ICANN. In doing so, the company will be required to comply with consensus policies developed through the ICANN multi-stakeholder policy processes. We strongly encourage ICANN to grant the .GEA TLD to GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft. This will not only enable an innovative concept but may also have positive implications for other sectors of the economy.

As the representative of our organization I confirm that I have the authority to be writing to you on this matter. My contact information is, GEA Process Engineering Inc., 9165 Rumsey Road, Columbia, Maryland 21045, USA; Phone: +1 410 997 6672, Fax: +1 410-707-2633, steven.kaplan@geagroup.com, www.niroinc.com

Thank you for the opportunity to support this application.

Sincerely,

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