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Attention: New gTLD Evaluation Process, Endorsement for the .aco Top-Level Domain application by ACO Severin Ahlmann GmbH & Co. KG from ACO Severin Ahlmann GmbH & Co. KG.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The ACO Group is a world market leader in drainage technology. Climate change sets us a challenge to react effectively with innovative solutions to new environmental conditions. With its integrated approach, ACO stands for professional drainage, efficient cleaning, and the controlled discharge or reuse of water. Products include drainage channels and drains, oil and grease separators, backflow stop systems, pumps and pressure-water-tight cellar windows and light shafts.

The family-owned company headquartered in Rendsburg/Büdelsdorf, Germany, was founded in 1946 on the site of the Carlshütte foundry – Schleswig-Holstein's first industrial company. It still has very strong roots in the region. The major innovation strength of the ACO Group is built on intense research and development, and its technical expertise in processing polymer concrete, plastic, cast iron, stainless steel and reinforced concrete. ACO has a presence in over 40 countries, with a total of 29 production sites on four continents. With a global workforce of 3,800, the company generated sales of Euro 620 million.

After reviewing the plans of ACO Severin Ahlmann GmbH & Co. KG concerning its .aco top-level domain application at ICANN, we have the pleasure to announce that ACO Severin Ahlmann GmbH & Co. KG fully supports this initiative.

A .aco top-level domain will make the content of the ACO 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, ACO Severin Ahlmann GmbH & Co. KG 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 .aco TLD to ACO Severin Ahlmann GmbH & Co. KG. This will not only enable an innovative concept but may also have positive implications for other sectors of the economy.

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Die ACO Gruppe. Auf eine starke Familie ist Verlass.



As the representative of our organization I confirm that I have the authority to be writing to you on this matter. My contact data are:

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Thank you for the opportunity to support this application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Fröhlich', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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