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Dear Paul:

The Public Interest Registry (PIR) respectfully requests authorization to begin accepting internationalized domain names (IDN) registrations containing hyphens in the third and fourth positions, pursuant to Appendix K, Part C to the Registry Agreement between PIR and ICANN. This request is in anticipation of our expected 1st Qtr 2004 rollout plan.

As you are aware, at the ICANN Rio de Janeiro meeting, the ICANN Board authorized the President of ICANN to issue authorizations on the basis of a set of consensus Guidelines for Implementation of IDNs under discussion by the leading IDN registries. PIR has actively participated in the drafting of these consensus Guidelines, and we are pleased to support the Guidelines in respect to our pending IDN offerings.

Recognizing that the Internet community will gain experience with IDN registration policies and procedures as the deployment of IDN services proceeds, we also commit to cooperate with our peer registries and ICANN in good faith to review the Guidelines at regular intervals over the coming years.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward G. Viltz", written over a horizontal line.

Edward G. Viltz
President & CEO

cc: Kurt Pritz, VP Business Operations
✓ Tina Dam, Chief Registry Liaison



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