Attachment 2

13 January 2017: ICANN to Tata Sons (Case 00188363)
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Dear Mr. Chetan Nage:

We are responding to your extension request of 9 December 2016. Thank you for your patience with this request.

We will not be able to accommodate your latest request to extend the deadline for obtaining the required Geographic Names Panel re-evaluation documentation. We first requested this documentation in April 2015. Since then, we have accommodated more than 5 extension requests, totaling more than 15 months, to provide Tata Sons Limited additional time to obtain the required documentation. These extensions have provided Tata Sons Limited much more time than is allotted for in the Applicant Guidebook (See section 2.2.1.4 https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/agb/guidebook-full-04jun12-en.pdf).

We understand that obtaining this documentation can be challenging; however, these were requirements as set forth in the Application Guidebook. These deadlines have been extended multiple times without demonstrable progress, as such, we are denying your latest request and closing the re-evaluation period. The next step will be ICANN's publishing the re-evaluation result to reflect that the application did not successfully pass the Geographic Names Panel evaluation and is "Ineligible for Further Review". Your application will not be able to proceed in the New gTLD Program. You will be receiving a separate case with this notification.

While Tata Sons Limited will not be able to proceed with the .TATA string in the current round of the New gTLD Program, should there be a subsequent round, you may have the opportunity to apply for this or alternative string then, subject to the rules and restrictions of the subsequent application window.

As this matter is now considered closed, we will be resolving this case. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via a new case at globalsupport@icann.org.

Best regards,

Jared Erwin
New gTLD Operations