



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Mr. Mohammed Al Ghanim
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Re: New gTLD Application “.PERSIANGULF”

Dear Mr. Al Ghanim:

Thank you for your letter of 9 July 2014 regarding the .PERSIANGULF (Application ID 1-2128-55439) by Asia Green IT System Bilgisayar San. ve Tic. Ltd. Sti. We have posted the letter to the New gTLD correspondence page (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/ghanim-to-chehade-09jul14-en.pdf>). We appreciate the Telecommunication Regulatory Authority’s comments, and we acknowledge your opposition to the .PERSIANGULF application.

As you may be aware, on 5 December 2014, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) initiated an Independent Review Process (IRP) regarding the .PERSIANGULF application. Furthermore, on 20 January 2015, Asia Green IT System Ltd. Sti. invoked a Cooperative Engagement Process (CEP) regarding the same application. The details of and future updates regarding this IRP and CEP may be viewed at <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/gcc-v-icann-2014-12-06-en> and <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/cep-irp-pending-22jan15-en.pdf>, respectively.¹ Per ICANN processes, the .PERSIANGULF application status has been changed to “On-Hold”² pending the resolution of these ICANN Accountability Mechanisms.

¹ For more information about ICANN’s Independent Review and Cooperative Engagement processes, please visit Article IV, Section 3 of the Bylaws at <http://www.icann.org/en/about/governance/bylaws#IV>.

² More information about application status is available at:
<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/advisories/application-contention-set-14mar14-en>.



We thank you for your continued engagement with us and for working within ICANN's processes to raise your concerns about this application. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Akram Atallah", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Akram Atallah
President, Global Domains Division