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Chesterbrook, 11th February 2014

**RE: Letter of opposition for the community application .INC (ID 1-880-35979)**

Dear ICANN,

1&1 Internet Inc. is an US American incorporated company with its headquarters in Chesterbrook, Pennsylvania, USA. We are one of the largest webhosting providers on the global market with offices in several countries and about 13.27 million customers on paid services. Our main business is to provide an optimal Internet presence for private users and small-to-medium sized businesses by offering a complete range of innovative, high-quality web hosting solutions - including domains - at affordable prices.

As part of the worldwide Internet Community and affected party we are following intensively ICANN's New gTLD Program. We are aware that there are several applicants for the string .INC, known as the abbreviation of the legal form "Incorporation".

Furthermore, 1&1 Internet Inc. took notice that the applicant Dot Registry LLC submitted a community-based application for .INC. Within their application the company restricted the membership of their community to businesses registered in the United States only, which clearly discriminates all other "Inc." existing worldwide, like incorporations in Australia, Canada, the Philippines and other countries all around the globe. Not including companies registered outside of the U.S. national borders is in opposition to the principles of openness and non-discrimination.

Please take into consideration that we as a concerned company neither agree with this restrained community as defined by the applicant Dot Registry LLC nor do we feel represented by it as an US registered "Inc.". We therefore recommend to not award the community status to Dot Registry's .INC application with the ID 1-880-35979 during the Community Priority Evaluation (CPE).

We really appreciate the work undertaken by ICANN and the CPE Panel and thank you for considering our letter of opposition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Robert Hoffmann', written over a horizontal line.

Robert Hoffmann  
CEO