

Letter of intent

Between

UNINETT Norid AS, residing at Abelsgate 5, Teknobyen, NO-7030 Trondheim, Norway, in this represented by Hilde Thunem, hereinafter referred to as "Norid"

and

SIDN, residing at Meander 501, 6825 MD Arnhem, The Netherlands, in this represented by its CEO Roelof Meijer, hereinafter referred to as "SIDN"

Whereas:

- Norid is the delegee and manager of the national country code top level domain (ccTLD) for Norway, .no;
- Norid also is the IANA delegee for the ccTLD .bv for Bouvet Island, and currently investigating the best possible use of the .bv resource in accordance with Norid's core values and the internet community it serves;)
- Bouvet Island is an uninhabited Norwegian island located in the South-Atlantic;
- Norid is at the same time through their relations with SIDN, a Dutch not for profit entity organized as a foundation and the delegee and manager for.nl (the ccTLD for the Netherlands), aware of the fact that BV is the standard abbreviation of the name of one of the most used Dutch legal entities, the '*besloten vennootschap*', the equivalent of the Norwegian *Aksjeselskap* (AS);
- Norid has a longstanding relation with SIDN. Norid and SIDN have worked actively together amongst others in CENTR, the association of European ccTLDs and in the ccNSO of ICANN, but also in direct exchanges of knowledge and best practices. Both parties regard each other as professional, experienced and reliable ccTLD managers;
- Norid approached SIDN in 2012 in order to jointly discuss and investigate the possible option to use the .bv ccTLD;
- Norid and SIDN have since then worked together to investigate the possibilities and the limitations of this option and together concluded that there are a number of preconditions to make the .bv ccTLD a success for the use by the Dutch community;
- Norid and SIDN have chosen to document these preconditions in this document in order to make clear to each other and to all relevant stakeholders what these preconditions are. This document also confirms that the parties will regard these preconditions as a given framework for their further discussions with regard to their intention to reach an agreement on the way they will activate and manage the .bv ccTLD for the use by the Dutch community;

The parties therefore hereby adopt the following preconditions with regard to their further discussions:

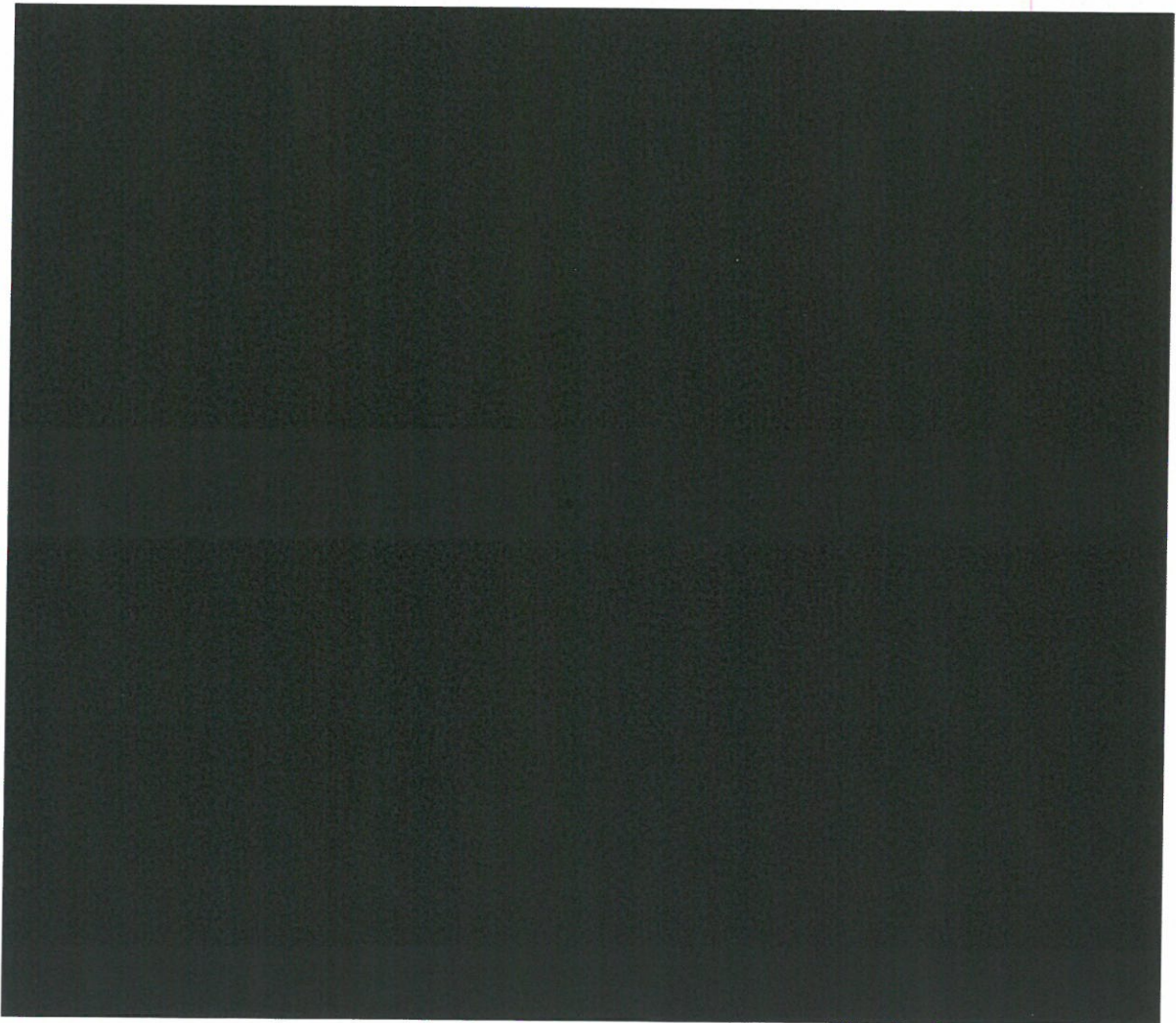


With regard to the policy:

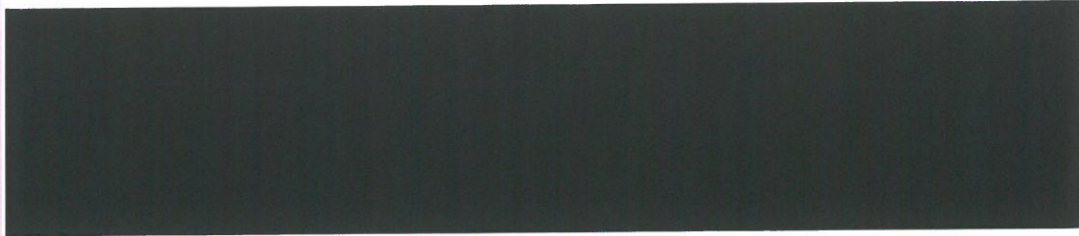
1. The activation of the .bv ccTLD must have an added value to the community it serves and the business plan should aim at a broad use of the domain within that community.



4. Registration services for .bv domain names will be provided via a registry-registrar-registrant model.
5. Security and trust should be two very important elements of the policy as well as the operation of the ccTLD.



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By signing this letter of intent both parties agree to further discuss their mutual plans on the way they will activate and manage the .bv ccTLD for the use by the Dutch community taking into account the preconditions set in this document.

Norid has received a letter from the NPT stating the conditions for the dispensation from the Domain Regulation. SIDN has been working on a detailed business plan. The parties will enter into contract negotiations with the aim to sign a contract in the fall of 2014 and open up the .bv for registrations in the first half of 2015.

Both parties see the opportunities of their cooperation and are committed to invest further in their joint effort to reach an agreement. However, until such an agreement has been reached, their actions, including the signing of this letter of intent, do not legally bind them to enter into such or any other agreement. Until an agreement is signed that details otherwise, both parties bear their own costs.

This letter of intent is exclusively governed by the laws of Norway. Any conflicts between the parties will be solved by binding arbitration before a court of arbitration to be mutually agreed upon by the parties.

Signed in Trondheim on September 22, 2014 and in Arnhem on September ,2014

by

Hilde Thunem
UNINETT Norid AS

Roelof Meijer
SIDN

Appendix 1:

