Statement of Interests and Affirmation regarding Conflicts of Interest Policy

By Wael Nasr for participation in the ICANN Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the DNS (SSR2) Review Team

1. Current vocation, employer and position:
   **Senior Vice President TLDVILLA LLC – A gTLD consulting firm.**

2. Type of work performed in 1 above and declaration of relationships with entities holding a Financial (or declarable) Interest in ICANN:
   Managing TLD registries- consulting for clients interested in owning gTLDs in the second round- marketing, security, and technical advice for gTLD owners and operators particularly in the IDN space where there are specific issues related to IDN strings when it comes to operations and security.

3. Identify any financial ownership or senior management/leadership interest in registries, registrars or other firms that are interested parties in ICANN policy or any entity with which ICANN has a transaction, contract, or other arrangement:
   I am a shareholder in 2 TLD registry/registrar projects “dot Mobily “in Arabic and English. I am also a board member of the company that operates both TLD Platforms.
   I am a shareholder in the company that owns and operates the dot Mawke3 TLD which is an Arabic IDN string equivalent to dot com.

4. Are you, or a company you work for:
   - An applicant for a new gTLD with a pending application?
     I am an owner and shareholder in the Arabic dot com TLD project. We have launched.
   - Providing advice to any new gTLD applicants with pending applications?
     I am an advisor for 2 applications that are post delegation now - dot Mobily in English and Arabic.
   - Otherwise involved in an application submitted (and pending) for the New gTLD Program, such as providing service in support of an applicant or having a financial interest in an applicant?
     I am an advisor for 3 TLD Projects above and was part of the applications preparations. I also advise other TLD Projects in the market on operational issues.
If your answer is yes to any of the above, please identify the interest you have in the pending application submitted for the New gTLD Program.

I am a shareholder in the company that operates and monetizes dot Mobily registries for the telecom operator in Saudi Arabia. I am also a shareholder in the company that owns and operates dot Mawke3 Arabic TLD which is the Arabic dot com TLD.

Those TLDs have DNS security and stability issues that are specific to telecom operators particularly IDN telecom Strings as well as IDN in general.

DNS security issues related to telecom operators and IDN stability and security issues in general need to be considered carefully in the SSR2 review team’s work and with my experience I believe I can make key contributions particularly when I have worked with policy teams in the past.

5. Identify any type of commercial interest in ICANN policy development outcomes or the outcomes of this SSR2 review. Do you represent other parties in any PDP or other ICANN related processes?

I am very interested in the outcome of ICANN SSR2 review team. The outcome will have direct reflections on how the Telecom and IDN clients I work with perform in the market. Security concerns of my client's customers (government and the public), TLD operations, legal issues and implications are all affected and reflect on their commercial success.

I focus in my work on TLDs for telecom operators, Telecom TLDs are becoming very important and will be widely used. Telecom operators work with large pools of customer and have specific DNS security and stability concerns that need to be addressed and have grave implications on their commercial success. My long years of work in the telecom TLD space will be of value to the review team’s work and will help accommodate those issues from a commercial perspective.

I have also worked for years with ICANN PDP such as

- The IDN implementation Guidelines group to develop a list of general standards for IDN registration policies and practices that are designed to minimize the risk of cybersquatting and consumer confusion, and respect the interests of local languages and character sets.
- Gld marketplace health index with the goal of developing an index to analyze the overall health and diversity of the global gTLD marketplace.
- Board member of the Middle East DNS forum of which ICANN is key partner and sponsor
- A few Arabic IDN script working groups within ICANN.

6. Geographic Region associated with the domicile of volunteer (Africa, North America, Latin America/Caribbean, Asia/Australia/Pacific and
Europe): **ASIA**

7.  Stakeholder Group(s), ACs, SOs, CCWGs or other RTs in which you currently participate within ICANN: **ALAC**

8.  Formal Statement of Affirmation to the SSR2 Review Team Conflict of Interest Policy (DRAFT attached) and as modified and adopted by the SSR2-Review Team at a future date

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**Affirmation**

I, **Wael Nasr**, hereby affirm that I have received a copy of the SSR2 Review Team Conflict of Interest Policy (DRAFT -- th July 2016); have read and understand the Policy; and agree to comply with this DRAFT Policy, and as modified and adopted by the SSR2-Review Team at a future date.

Except as described above, I have no (i) ownership or investment interest in any entity with which ICANN has an existing or proposed transaction, contract, dispute, or other arrangement; (ii) a compensation arrangement with any entity or individual with which ICANN has a transaction, contract, dispute, or other arrangement; and (iii) a potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which ICANN is negotiating a transaction, contract, dispute, or other arrangement.

**SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:** 25th Sept 2016