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REGISTRATION OF DOMAIN NAMES UNDER THE TLD <.NET.BR> OPENED TO ANY INTERESTED BRAZILIAN RESIDENT

Dear Sirs,

On May 1st 2008, the registration of domain names under the top level domain – TLD <.com.br> was finally opened to any interested Brazilian resident. Until then, only businesses were allowed to request domain name registrations under such TLD. With the lift of such barrier, the entity in charge of domain name registration in Brazil (“*Registro.br*”) verified an increase in registration numbers.

As occurred with the TLD <.com.br>, *Registro.br* now decided to also allow domain name registrations under the “TLD” <.net.br> by any interested party. This operation is set to start with a “sunrise period” on **April 6, 2009**.

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In order to ensure a smooth start of operation and to preserve rights during the first six months, the domain names already registered under the TLD <.com.br> until April 6, 2009, will be automatically reserved for the same registrant under the TLD <.net.br>. Therefore, the holder of a domain name under the TLD <.com.br> will have the choice of registering the same domain name under the TLD <.net.br>.

As of October 27, 2009, that is after the 6 months “sunrise period” the domain names <.net.br> which have not yet been applied to by previous owners of <.com.br> domain name holders will be available to registration by any third party.

Please note that the requirement that a registrant must be a Brazilian resident is still in force and for this reason we may act as trustees for our foreign clients holding the domain names under the country code <.br> in our name.

Finally, *Registro.br* has announced that in the next few months it will institute an alternative domain name resolution system for domain names disputes, presumably initially restricted to new registrations (after April 6, 2009) under the TLD <.net.br>. We shall inform you as soon as further news are available in that regard.

Based on the above, in case of interest in registering a domain name under the TLDs <.com.br> and <.net.br>, please do not hesitate to contact your regular spokesperson within our firm.

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