

**CHARLESTON ROAD REGISTRY INC.
LAUNCH APPLICATION**

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”)
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Attention: New gTLD Program Staff

RE: Launch Application Request

Charleston Road Registry Inc. d/b/a Google Registry (“Google Registry”) may allocate or register up to 100 domain names in .nexus prior to or during the Sunrise Period (the “Launch Program”) in compliance with Specification 5, Section 3.2, of the .nexus Registry Agreement and the Trademark Clearinghouse Rights Protection Mechanism Requirements (the “TMCH Requirements”).

Timeline: Launch Program SLDs may be registered with the commencement of the Sunrise Notice; registration of Launch Program SLDs may continue during the Sunrise Notice period, Sunrise and Early Access Period.

Phase	Timeframe	Description
Launch Period	March 3, 2023 - May 2, 2023	A period during which up to 100 .nexus SLDs may be registered to promote the TLD. Continues during the Sunrise Notice and Sunrise Period.
Sunrise Notice	March 3, 2023 (30+ days)	A period of at least 30 days during which trademark owners are notified of the .nexus Sunrise Dates and policies to prepare registrations.
Sunrise Period	April 2, 2023 - May 2, 2023 (30+ days)	A period of at least 30 days during which trademark owners may register eligible SLDs in .nexus on a first come, first served basis.
Early Access Period	May 3, 2023 - May 10, 2023	A period during which all registrants can register .nexus domain names on a first come, first served basis provided that they pay a variable early access registration fee.

General Availability	May 10, 2023	The standard registration period.
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Intellectual property considerations: The Launch Program will work hand-in-hand with the TMCH Requirements to ensure the protection of brand owners and to prevent consumer confusion. Further, Google Registry has also adopted several voluntary supplemental measures for the protection of intellectual property rights, including a permanent Claims Service which will incorporate the “enhanced” claims mechanism, permitting brand owners to continually monitor up to 50 previously abused trademark variants per TMCH entry. Any names registered under Google Registry’s launch program will be subject to this Claims Service.

Launch program SLDs will be internally reviewed to ensure that they promote the goals of the launch program, meet the requirements set forth in the .nexus registration policy, and mitigate the possibility that consumers will be confused as to the source or function of a launch program domain.

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