1. Introduction

According to its own quality requirements, Valuetainment Corp. (following “the registry”) treats personal information of registrants and other persons involved in a domain registration (following “personal data”) in a responsible way. During transmission of a registration order personal data according to (4) of the .VOTING Domain Name Registration Policy is collected for the purpose of contract management. The collection is usually carried out by a registrar, which is obliged to comply with certain privacy regulations vis-à-vis the registry.

The transmission to the registry as operator of the so-called public WHOIS service and the publication of person-related data are governed by the present policy. Thirds are allowed to access the WHOIS service via different interfaces and also via a web interface under whois.nic.voting.

Beyond this, the registry uses person-related data only to the extent registrants have given their explicit consent, which may be revoked at any time. Registrants may send questions regarding privacy protection to legal@nic.voting at any time.

2. General, data collected

With regard to the collection, processing and storage of person-related data the registry implements requirements on the part of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names And Numbers (icann.org). The registry is bound to comply herewith by an accreditation contract.

The following person-related data is received by the registry from the registrars for the purpose of operating a whois service:

- person-related data on the registrant
- person-related data on the Admin-C and Tech-C

If registrants identify errors in the data transferred, they can correct them at any time through their registrar. If there are other changes in the data, registrants are obliged to notify their registrar of these without delay.

If registrants transmit person-related data of third persons (e.g. the Admin-C) they guarantee to the registry or registrar that these third persons have agreed to the transmission of the person-related data.
3. **Scope of the whois service**

The above person-related data is made available in the whois service operated by the registry for access by third parties. The whois data can be searched using various criteria.

4. **Purpose of the whois service**

The purpose of a whois service is to make available up-to-date contact data for the individuals involved in a given domain registration, i.e. the registrant, the Admin-C, the Tech-C and the registrar the domain is registered with.

A whois query is used specifically:

- to check if a specific .VOTING domain is still available, or
- to resolve technical problems with a specific domain, or
- to contact the registrant over legal problems.

A whois query is not used to obtain contact data for the above individuals for the purpose of unwanted contact or other purposes. The registry will take technical security measures to prevent automated access to whois data. Security measures will also be taken to prevent bulk manual access to this data by third parties.

5. **Available data**

Various person-related data and domain-related technical data is accessible through the whois service. An example whois extract is shown below:

Domain Name: WHOIS.VOTING

Domain ID: D1234567-TLD

WHOIS Server: whois.example.VOTING

Referral URL: http://www.example.VOTING

Updated Date: 2013-04-18T20:13:00Z

Creation Date: 2000-10-08T00:45:00Z

Registry Expiry Date: 2014-10-08T00:44:59Z

Sponsoring Registrar: EXAMPLE REGISTRAR LLC

Sponsoring Registrar IANA ID: 5555555

Domain Status: clientDeleteProhibited

Domain Status: clientRenewProhibited
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited

Domain Status: serverUpdateProhibited

Registrant ID: 5372808-ERL

Registrant Name: EXAMPLE REGISTRANT

Registrant Organization: EXAMPLE ORGANIZATION

Registrant Street: 123 EXAMPLE STREET

Registrant City: ANYTOWN

Registrant State/Province: AP

Registrant Postal Code: A1A1A1

Registrant Country: GE

Registrant Phone: +1.5555551212

Registrant Phone Ext: 1234

Registrant Fax: +1.5555551213

Registrant Fax Ext: 4321

Registrant Email: EMAIL@EXAMPLE.TLD

Admin ID: 5372809-ERL

Admin Name: EXAMPLE REGISTRANT ADMINISTRATIVE

Admin Organization: EXAMPLE REGISTRANT ORGANIZATION

Admin Street: 123 EXAMPLE STREET

Admin City: ANYTOWN

Admin State/Province: AP

Admin Postal Code: A1A1A1

Admin Country: EX

Admin Phone: +1.5555551212

Admin Phone Ext: 1234

Admin Fax: +1.5555551213

Admin Fax Ext:

Admin Email: EMAIL@EXAMPLE.TLD

Tech ID: 5372811-ERL
6. **Security measures**

Registrants have the option of having the e-mail address displayed in a whois search in a graphic format. This can prevent or complicate automated readout of e-mail addresses.

Third parties using the whois service must also agree to the registry's conditions for using the service. These conditions specifically include provisions stating that

- the whois service is solely for the purposes listed under (4),
- the person-related data must be used solely for the purposes listed under (4), and
- use of the person-related data to send unwanted e-mails and/or other unwanted contact is prohibited, unless it serves a purpose listed under (4).

Third parties must further read and enter a CAPTCHA (Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart) before each whois search, before the whois service carries out the requested search.

7. **Data security**

Independent of the security measures listed in (6) the registry also takes technical and organisational security measures to protect person-related data supplied or collected, specifically against accidental or deliberate manipulation, loss, destruction or access by
unauthorised parties. The security measures are continuously updated in line with technological developments.