1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	
11	REGISTERSITE.COM, et. al.,	CASE NO. SC082479
12	Plaintiffs,	Assigned for all purposes to Judge Gerald Rosenberg
13	v.	Complaint Filed: August 4, 1004
14	INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS, a California Corporation, et. al.; and DOES 1-10, inclusive,  Defendants.	INTERNET CORPORATION FOR
15		ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS' NOTICE OF DEMURRER AND DEMURRERS TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST, FIFTH, SEVENTH AND NINTH CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST ICANN
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18		[Filed concurrently with Memorandum of
19		Points and Authorities in Support of Demurrers, Request for Judicial Notice and [Proposed] Orders]
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21		Date: November 16, 2004
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ICANN'S STATEMENT OF DEMURRERS

### TO ALL PARTIES AND THE ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Demurrer filed herewith has been set for hearing on November 16, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., in Department F of Los Angeles Superior Court, West Division, located at 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401. The Demurrer filed herewith will be, and is, based on this Notice of Demurrer, the Demurrer, the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the concurrently filed Request for Judicial Notice, and upon all other matters that may appropriately be presented to the Court before or at the hearing on the Demurrer.

DATED:

October 4, 2004

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INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS

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#### **DEMURRER**

Pursuant to section 430.10(e) of the California Code of Civil Procedure and additional authority cited below, Defendant Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") hereby specially demur to Plaintiffs' Complaint for Damages on the following grounds:

### GROUNDS FOR DEMURRER TO THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 1. The first cause of action must be dismissed because it is not ripe for adjudication. See Schell v. Southern Cal. Edison Co., 204 Cal. App. 3d 1039, 1047 (1988). WLS has not yet been implemented and it cannot be implemented unless and until it is approved by the United States Department of Commerce. No "intelligent or useful" decision can be made at this stage because the facts are not sufficiently developed to permit an "intelligent or useful" decision. Pacific Legal Found. v. California Coastal Comm'n, 33 Cal. 3d 158, 171 (1982).
- 2. The first cause of action must be dismissed because the complaint does not adequately plead that WLS is an illegal lottery under California Penal Code § 319. Where there is no violation of the underlying law, there can be no claim under California Business and Professions Code section 17200 based on the alleged violation. *Aguilar v. Atlantic Richfield Co.*, 25 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 826 (2001), 856-857.
- 3. The first cause of action must be dismissed because the complaint does not adequately plead that ICANN engaged in any unlawful business practice. Cal. Civ. Proc. Code. § 430.10(e).

# GROUNDS FOR DEMURRER TO THE FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

4. The fifth cause of action must be dismissed because it is not ripe for adjudication. See Schell v. Southern Cal. Edison Co., 204 Cal. App. 3d 1039, 1047 (1988). WLS has not yet been implemented and it cannot be implemented unless and until it is approved by the United States Department of Commerce. No "intelligent or useful" decision can be made at this stage because the facts are not sufficiently developed to permit an "intelligent or useful" decision. Pacific Legal Found. v. California Coastal Comm'n, 33 Cal. 3d 158, 171 (1982).

- 5. The fifth cause of action must be dismissed because the complaint does not adequately plead that WLS is an unfair business practice under California Business and Professions Code section 17200. Cal. Civ. Proc. Code. § 430.10(e)
- 6. The fifth cause of action must be dismissed because the complaint fails to adequately plead that ICANN engaged in any unfair business practice under California Business and Professions Code section 17200. Cal. Civ. Proc. Code. § 430.10(e).

#### GROUNDS FOR DEMURRER TO THE SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

- 7. The fifth cause of action must be dismissed because it is not ripe for adjudication. See Schell v. Southern Cal. Edison Co., 204 Cal. App. 3d 1039, 1047 (1988). WLS has not yet been implemented and it cannot be implemented unless and until it is approved by the United States Department of Commerce. No "intelligent or useful" decision can be made at this stage because the facts are not sufficiently developed to permit an "intelligent or useful" decision. Pacific Legal Found. v. California Coastal Comm'n, 33 Cal. 3d 158, 171 (1982).
- 8. The fifth cause of action must be dismissed because the complaint fails to adequately plead that ICANN engaged in any fraudulent or deceptive business practice under California Business and Professions Code section 17200. Cal. Civ. Proc. Code. § 430.10(e).

# GROUNDS FOR DEMURRER TO THE NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

9. The ninth cause of action must be dismissed because plaintiffs breach of contract claims are barred by the doctrines of collateral estoppel and res judicata. See Silver v. Los Angeles County Metro. Transp. Authority, 79 Cal. App. 4<sup>th</sup> 338, 357 (2000); People v. Barragan, 32 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 236, 253 (2004).

DATED: October 4, 2004

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