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New Generic Top-Level Domain Program
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
12025 Waterfront Drive, Suite 300
Los Angeles, California 90094

Re: Support for Avax Naming Limited's Application for the .avax Community Top-Level Domain

Dear ICANN Review Panel:

I write on behalf of Ava Labs, Inc. in support of Avax Naming Limited's application for the .avax community generic top-level domain.

Ava Labs is a leading blockchain technology company and one of the principal technical and product contributors to the Avalanche ecosystem. Ava Labs contributes to the continuing development, implementation, and maintenance of technology used throughout Avalanche and works with developers, validators, L1 operators, applications, infrastructure providers, enterprises, institutions, and users across the community.

Ava Labs supports the effort to secure .avax as a community TLD delegated and operated under the ICANN framework because AVAX is an established identifier of the Avalanche ecosystem and .avax is its natural DNS representation. Delegation would provide the community with a trusted namespace for websites, applications, infrastructure, services, organizations, and other Internet-facing resources.

1. Ava Labs' Role in the Avalanche Ecosystem

Ava Labs plays a foundational and continuing technical role within the Avalanche ecosystem. Its open-source contributions include AvalancheGo, the official Go implementation of an Avalanche node. AvalancheGo powers the Avalanche Primary Network—including the P-Chain, C-Chain, and X-Chain—and supports the operation of Avalanche L1s. Validators use this software to participate in consensus, process transactions, and provide network services to wallets, applications, and other clients.

Ava Labs also develops and supports products, tools, and infrastructure used by important community segments. These include Core, an Avalanche-native wallet and application interface; Avalanche developer tooling, SDKs, APIs, and documentation; interoperability software and services supporting communication among Avalanche L1s; and AvaCloud, which helps organizations deploy and operate Avalanche L1 networks. Ava Labs also contributes technical releases, security



information, educational resources, developer support, ecosystem integrations, and institutional and enterprise engagement.

Through these activities, Ava Labs works directly with many of the constituencies comprising the Avalanche community: protocol and application developers, independent validators, L1 teams, wallet users, DeFi and gaming projects, infrastructure providers, enterprises, institutions, and other ecosystem participants. This position gives Ava Labs substantial knowledge of the community's technical infrastructure, identity requirements, and need for trusted naming resources that can operate across Internet and blockchain environments.

Ava Labs' role is substantial but not exclusive. Avalanche is an open-source public network operated and used by independent validators, developers, applications, organizations, and users worldwide. The network continues to evolve through public technical contributions, Avalanche Community Proposals, independent validation, and adoption by its participants. Ava Labs contributes technical leadership, products, and ecosystem support without purporting to own or control the decentralized network or the Avalanche community.

2. Recognition of .avax as the Community's Natural DNS Identifier

"AVAX" is the established symbol of Avalanche's native asset and a widely recognized short-form identifier for the Avalanche network and ecosystem. Developers, validators, applications, exchanges, wallets, infrastructure providers, institutions, and users consistently use AVAX in connection with Avalanche. Ava Labs therefore recognizes .avax as the natural and appropriate ICANN DNS representation of the Avalanche community.

A community-based .avax TLD can provide Avalanche participants with a trusted and recognizable namespace aligned with that established identity. It can support human-readable Internet addresses for applications, wallets, L1s, validators, developers, enterprises, infrastructure providers, community programs, and other ecosystem resources.

The proposed .avax TLD would operate through the authoritative DNS root administered under the ICANN framework. It would be technically distinct from any blockchain-native naming system, wallet address, or other on-chain identifier. Optional integrations may connect .avax domain names with Avalanche-based functionality, but the TLD itself would remain an ICANN-administered DNS namespace. Ava Labs believes this distinction is important to DNS stability, user trust, and interoperability between conventional Internet infrastructure and Avalanche-native applications.

3. Support for Avax Naming Limited

Ava Labs understands that Avalanche Foundation has endorsed Avax Naming Limited to serve as the applicant and proposed ICANN operating partner for .avax, and Ava Labs supports that decision.



Following review by management, Ava Labs authorized issuance of this letter in support of the application.

Operating a gTLD requires a dedicated contracting party capable of assuming responsibility to ICANN under a Registry Agreement and coordinating qualified registry infrastructure, accredited-registrar distribution, data escrow, rights-protection mechanisms, DNS security, abuse mitigation, and continuing technical and contractual compliance. Ava Labs supports using Avax Naming as the dedicated entity responsible for those specialized functions.

Ava Labs understands that Avax Naming has been structured to combine relevant ICANN and domain-industry experience, qualified registry-services infrastructure, and access to contracted web3-native capabilities relevant to the Avalanche ecosystem. Ava Labs believes this approach appropriately balances DNS stability and responsible registry operation with the identity and interoperability needs of Avalanche developers, applications, validators, enterprises, users, and other community participants.

Avax Naming is independently responsible for the application and, if .avax is delegated, for registry governance, policies, operations, and compliance with the Registry Agreement. Ava Labs does not own or control Avax Naming, and this endorsement does not confer registry governance or decision-making authority on Ava Labs. Ava Labs' role is to provide informed technical and community support for an initiative it believes will benefit the Avalanche ecosystem.

4. Community Benefit

Ava Labs believes delegation of .avax as a community TLD will benefit the Avalanche ecosystem by providing a trusted DNS namespace through which participants can establish recognizable Internet identities, improve discoverability, present authenticated resources, and connect Internet-facing services with Avalanche-native applications and infrastructure.

Community-based registration policies can help preserve the relationship between the namespace and the ecosystem it is intended to serve. Responsible eligibility, name-selection, review, and rights-protection procedures can reduce confusion and abuse while allowing developers, validators, L1 operators, applications, enterprises, institutions, and users to make productive use of .avax.

The .avax TLD should be operated in a manner that protects DNS stability, complies with ICANN requirements, supports effective abuse mitigation, respects intellectual-property rights, and preserves the integrity of the Avalanche name and community.



For these reasons, Ava Labs supports Avax Naming Limited's application for the .avax community gTLD and urges ICANN to approve the application.

Sincerely,

John Nahas
Chief Business Officer
Ava Labs, Inc.

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