

Statement

auDA statement on consent for Change of Control of Registry Operator

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On 20 November 2020 (AEDT), Donuts Inc. announced an agreement to purchase Afilias, Inc. subject to completion of a set of regulatory and contractual requirements.

Under the Registry Licence Agreement between auDA and its Registry Operator, Afilias Australia Pty Ltd., any Change of Control of the Registry Operator requires the written consent of auDA.

auDA has completed a formal due diligence process to inform its decision regarding consent. The process considered the criteria and evaluation approach from the 2017 Registry Operator tender process, with a focus on the potential technical and operational, legal, personnel, and financial implications of the Change of Control.

The auDA Board has approved the Change of Control based on the results of the due diligence process.

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About auDA:

.au Domain Administration Limited (auDA) is a not-for-profit organisation that works with a range of stakeholders including industry, government and the Australian and International community to develop the rules for and administer the .au country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD). The .au ccTLD is a key to part of Australia's digital infrastructure, and auDA is endorsed by the Australian Government, and has an agreement with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), to



ensure that the .au domain namespace is a secure, reliable and trusted Australian public asset for all Internet users.