

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU")** is entered into by and between THE NUMBER RESOURCE ORGANIZATION ("NRO") and AFRINIC, LTD., a newly formed Regional Internet Registry for the African Region ("AfriNIC").

WHEREAS, the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), The American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC) and the Reseaux IP Europeens Network Coordination (RIPE NCC) (collectively the "Founding RIR"s) formed the Number Resource Organization for the purposes set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding of October 24, 2003 ("NRO MOU");

WHEREAS, the NRO MOU expressly contemplates that additional RIRs to the founding RIRs shall acquire the same legal status that the founding RIRs have in relation to the NRO, upon the Executive Council of the NRO finding the additional RIRs meet the criteria and follow the process set forth in the NRO MOU, and the new RIR executes the current version of the NRO MOU;

WHEREAS, AfriNIC wishes to participate in the NRO;

WHEREAS, the NRO, through the Founding RIRs, wishes to recognize AfriNIC as member of the NRO; and, WHEREAS, on April 08, 2005, AfriNIC received full recognition from the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN") as a Regional Internet Registry ("RIR").

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties to the MOU agree as follows:

1. The Founding RIRs agree to provide recognition and approval of AfriNIC as NRO member.
2. AfriNIC agrees to execute the current version of the NRO MOU, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, and agrees to support all purposes, policies and responsibilities of the NRO, and participate as a RIR, including bearing some portion of the expenses of the NRO, as set forth and as contemplated by, the NRO MOU, recognizing that AfriNIC's current financial condition does not permit it to pay a pro rata share of such expenses, and its contribution will initially be limited to a symbolic financial contribution which will be decided by the Founding RIRs within ninety days of the signing of this MoU. It is acknowledged that AfriNIC as a RIR added to the NRO after the founding members shall assume the last position in the rotation of the Chair of the NRO Executive Council, as set forth in the NRO MOU. Further, AfriNIC, as an RIR, shall be entitled to select three individuals to the NRO Number Council, as described in the NRO MOU.

**AGREED** on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005

**The Number Resource Organization**

**AfriNIC, Ltd.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Axel Pawlik, Chair NRO EC

Adiel A. Akplogan, CEO