ZA Domain Name Authority and Netnod Signs Agreement on Anycast DNS Services for .ZA

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Netnod AB and .ZA Domain Name Authority (ZADNA) have signed an agreement for anycast DNS services for the .ZA DNS top-level domain (TLD).

"By using anycast technology from Netnod, we will have better resiliency and redundancy for the .ZA domain name service, as well as better performance for end-users." says Vika Mpisane, GM of ZADNA.

"The current agreement with Autonomica follows up on a similar agreement that Autonomica already has for co.za, which accounts for around 95% of .ZA domain names. This is good news for the stability of the .ZA namespace", adds Mpisane.

"With anycast service for .ZA, ZADNA joins the growing number of TLDs that use our DNSNODE anycast platform to gain better resilience and lower latency for their end-users" says Kurt Erik Lindqvist, CEO of Netnod.

With the agreement the .ZA TLD will be serviced from Netnod's almost 40 DNSNODE locations world wide.

Netnod and its subsidiary Autonomica operate the Internet Exchanges in Sweden and also work on Internet operations research, provide consultancy services around critical infrastructure and operate a number of common Internet services. One such service is the i.root-servers.net service, one of the 13 DNS root nameservers on the Internet.

"By using the Netnod DNSNODE anycast platform we are delighted to contribute to the operation of critical Internet infrastructure as well as help guarantee their independence and fund future developments" said Mpisane further.

"We are very happy to see our first African TLD join the user base of the DNSNODE anycast platform" said Mr Lindqvist, "this is a significant step in further co-

operation and support for the global Internet community".

Netnod Internet Exchange AB in Stockholm and the subsidiary Autonomica are non-for profit organizations that provides critical common services for the Internet.

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ZADNA is the non-profit manager and regulator of the .ZA namespace, and is responsible for licensing .ZA registries

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