

Canadian Independent Music Association

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Mr. Constantine G. Roussos Founder Music.us (dot Music) P.O Box 50430 Lemesos 3604 Cyprus

Dear Constantine:

The Canadian Independent Music Association (CIMA) would like to formally express its full support for your .MUSIC (dotMUSIC) initiative, and enthusiastically commits to recruiting and leading an accredited national coalition, and becoming a music Community Member Organization, representing the Canadian market.

CIMA represents more than 180 Canadian companies and professionals engaged in the worldwide production and commercialization of Canadian independent music, who in turn represent thousands of Canadian artists and bands.

CIMA's membership consists of Canadian-owned companies and representatives of Canadian-owned companies involved in every aspect of the English-language music and music-related industries. They are exclusively small and medium sized businesses which include: record producers, record labels, publishers, recording studios, managers, agents, licensors, music video producers and directors, creative content owners, artists and others professionally involved in the sound recording and music video industries across Canada.

For 36 years, CIMA has dedicated its efforts to developing business opportunities through an international network of business contacts in the music and entertainment industries and in the associated media such as film, TV, new media and other users of music products. CIMA's mandate is to ensure the long-term development of the Canadian-owned music sector and to raise the profile of Canadian independent music both in Canada and around the world.

In short, our members are the owners and operators of small businesses who invest in the creation of intellectual property that spurs economic benefits in terms of jobs, increased GDP, contributions to our nation's trade balance, and are an integral component of Canada's culture as expressed through music.



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CIMA has successfully recruited the support of Canada's Provincial Music Industry Associations as active participants in the national coalition to support your .MUSIC initiative. What this means, is through CIMA (a national music trade association) and the provincial and territorial music industry associations (MIAs), the coalition truly represents a coast-to-coast community of music interests, from British Columbia in the west to Nova Scotia in the east. In addition to BC and Nova Scotia, the coalition will also include the provincial MIAs from Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

CIMA and its partners look forward to working with you, and to ensure that Canada's music industry as a whole takes advantage of and benefits from a safe and trusted top-level domain, through your innovative .MUSIC initiative. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this exciting venture.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Johnston President