

**INDRP ARBITRATION  
THE NATIONAL INTERNET EXCHANGE OF INDIA [NIXI]**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PANEL DECISION  
SOLE ARBITRATOR: RODNEY D. RYDER**

**WhatsApp LLC v. Ali Raza  
INDRP Case Number - 2021**

**ARBITRATION AWARD**

**Disputed Domain Name: <fmwhatsappdownload.in>**



**The Parties**

The Complainant in this arbitration proceeding is WhatsApp LLC; represented by Hogan Lovells [Paris] LLP, Paris, France.

The Respondent in this arbitration proceeding is Ali Raza.

**The Domain Name and Registrar**

The disputed domain name is [www.fmwhatsappdownload.in](http://www.fmwhatsappdownload.in). The Registrar with which the disputed domain name is registered is GoDaddy.com, LLC.

**Procedural History [Arbitration Proceedings]**

This arbitration proceeding is in accordance with the .IN Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy [INDRP], adopted by the National Internet Exchange of India ["NIXI"]. The INDRP Rules of Procedure [the Rules] were approved by NIXI on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 in accordance with the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. By registering the disputed domain name with the NIXI-accredited Registrar, the Respondent agreed to the resolution of the disputes pursuant to the IN Dispute Resolution Policy and Rules framed thereunder.

According to the information provided by the National Internet Exchange of India ["NIXI"], the history of this proceeding is as follows:

In accordance with Rule 2(a), NIXI formally notified the Respondent of the Complaint, and appointed Rodney D. Ryder as the Sole Arbitrator for adjudicating upon the dispute in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, and the Rules framed thereunder, .IN Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy and the Rules framed thereunder. The Arbitrator submitted the Statement of Acceptance and Declaration of Impartiality and Independence, as required by NIXI.

The Complainant, based on various Indian and international trademark registrations across various classes of the trademark 'WHATSAPP', and based on the use of the said trademark[s] in India, submitted that it is the sole proprietor of and has sole and exclusive rights to use the said trademark[s] 'WHATSAPP'.

On July 21, 2025, the Respondent wrote to the Arbitrator with a request to transfer the domain name to the Complainant. He reconfirmed his request in writing by an e-mail on July 23, 2025.

**Discussion and Findings**

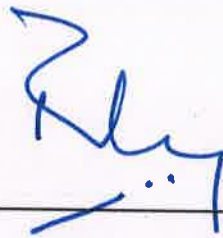
In line with previous decisions, e.g., *Williams-Sonoma, Inc. v. EZ-Port*, WIPO Case No. D2000-0207; *Amgen Inc. v. Texas International Property Associates*, WIPO Case No. D2007-0155; *Valero Energy Corporation, Valero Refining and Marketing Company v. RareNames, WebReg*, WIPO Case No. D2006-1336; *Levantur, S.A. v. RareNames, WebReg*, WIPO Case No. D2007-0857; *Instituto del Fondo Nacional de la Vivienda para los Trabajadores v. Whois Privacy Protection Service Inc., Demand Domains, Inc.* WIPO Case No. D2007-0917; since the Respondent has consented to the transfer of the disputed domain name to the Complainant, the Panel finds that in this case there is no need to assess the facts supporting the claim.



The Respondent in this proceeding has expressly agreed in the Response to transfer – without admitting to the elements of paragraph 4 of the Policy – the disputed domain name to the Complainant upon order of the Panel. Therefore, as held in *Amgen Inc. v. Texas International Property Associates, supra*, “given Respondent’s consent to transfer, this Panel deems it appropriate to grant the request to transfer. No further consideration or discussion of the elements of the Policy is deemed necessary”, no further consideration or discussion of the Policy is deemed necessary by the Panel.

**Decision**

For all the foregoing reasons, in accordance with Paragraphs 4 of the Policy and 18 of the Rules, the Panel orders that the domain name, <fmwhatsappdownload.in>, be transferred to the Complainant.



**Rodney D. Ryder**  
**Sole Arbitrator**

**Date: July 30, 2025**