

ADJUDICATOR'S SUMMARY DECISION

CASE NUMBER:	ZA2023-0478
DECISION DATE:	5 June 2023
DOMAIN NAME	whatsappbusiness.co.za
THE DOMAIN NAME REGISTRANT:	Michael Bolton
REGISTRANT'S LEGAL COUNSEL:	none
THE COMPLAINANT:	WhatsApp LLC¹
COMPLAINANT'S LEGAL COUNSEL:	Hogan Lovells (Paris) LLP
2 nd LEVEL ADMINISTRATOR:	ZA Registry Consortium (Pty) Ltd (ZARC)

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1. The Parties

Complainant:

WhatsApp LLC¹
California
United States of America

Registrant:

Michael Bolton
Cape Town
South Africa

2. The Domain Name: WHATSAPPBUSINESS.CO.ZA

3. Notification of Complaint (21 April 2023)

I am satisfied that the Registrant did not submit a response to the dispute in terms of regulation 18(1) and that the Registrant has been notified of the dispute in accordance with regulation 18(4)(a) read with regulation 15(1).

Yes No

4. Rights

The Complainant has, to my reasonable satisfaction, shown rights in a name or mark which is identical or similar to the domain name.

Yes No

5. Abusive Registration

The Complainant has, to my reasonable satisfaction, shown that the domain name is an abusive registration in the hands of the Registrant.

Yes No

6. Other factors

I am satisfied that there are no other factors or circumstances present that would render the decision in this matter unfair.

Yes

No

7. Comments (Optional)

8. Decision

It is hereby ordered that the disputed domain name <whatsappbusiness.co.za> be transferred to the complainant.

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