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RE: Future Operation of .NET Top Level Domain

Dear Mr Twomey,

Korea ISP Association (KISPA) has learned that ICANN will be issuing a Request for Proposal for the operation of the .net TLD, currently operated by VeriSign. As the only and the largest ISP association in Korea with most ISPs in Korea on its membership operating the largest Internet network in Korea, successful operation of .net with proven reliability and scalability is very critical to the interests of our ISP members and their subscribers. Most of our ISP members heavily use and depend upon net domain names for many of their mission critical services including messaging, DNS and Web.

Along with many of the key Internet stakeholders in Korea, KISPA is extremely well aware of that DNS is the weak link in the Internet and an operator of the .net TLD must maintain the highest levels of performance, especially in the DNS resolution system. That is the key reason for that Korea Telecom (KT), a member of KISPA and the largest ISP in Korea, has been currently hosting a copy of anycasted root and .COM/.NET gTLD servers in its own data center located near Seoul, Korea since July this year. A geographically diverse network, 100% uptime and low packet loss rates (less than 1%) are critical not only to my business but also many of the network services KT has been providing for the greater Internet services in Korea. If stable and scalable DNS operation and performance for .net names is demised for any reason, service to our customers could be suffered and gravely impacted.

VeriSign has operated .net to the highest levels and consistently delivered 100% uptime and we appreciate VeriSign's service and commitments and we anticipate VeriSign continues to that level of service in .net names. They have demonstrated their operational expertise by ensuring performance while faced with a growing rate of DoS attacks and viruses.

As an ISP association with the largest number of ISPs in its membership heavily dependent on .net, my company will gain no benefit from .net being transitioned to another operator. Indeed the very act of transitioning could risk performance. Please accept this communication as a strong endorsement of VeriSign's performance to date and a request that ongoing performance of .net is not unnecessarily impacted. Should you choose a different operator for the .NET TLD even with our endorsement for VeriSign, we strongly desire that the new operator place a resolution site

with KT or one of our member ISPs in Korea so that it can continue to provide at least the same level of .NET resolution capabilities not only to our member ISPs and their subscribers but also to the greater Internet users of Korea and surrounding countries in Asia.

We cannot overemphasize the importance of stable and scalable .NET DNS operations as VeriSign has demonstrated so far. KISPA strongly hopes and suggests ICANN that there will be no interruption, disruption lapse or degradation in service, and the Internet stakeholders and constituents in Korea will continue to have at least the same level commitments with both global and regional operations VeriSign has provided through its .NET DNS operations.

I would appreciate your support on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shin Yong Joong', written over a horizontal line.

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