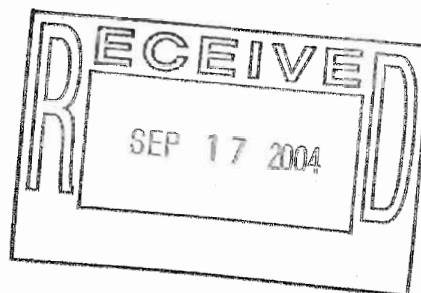




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Re .net Infrastructure Operation, our Endorsement Letter from July 16, 2004

Dear Mr. Twomey,

just recently you received a letter, dated July 16, in which Deutsche Telekom's NIC (the registrar is part of the NIC) explicitly endorsed VeriSign as the present .net registry operator.

It is my serious duty to inform you that this particular letter has been signed by myself as a result of accidental concatenation of internal administrative misinterpretations that led to the wrong draft having been sent. Hence, with this writing, I like to revoke the statements done in named letter.

It is Deutsche Telekom NIC's firm belief that fair competition on a stable and reliable basis is essential to foster progress in technology and service in the DNS. Hence, the aforementioned letter was originally intended to signal the necessity to assure .net's high level of operational reliability. It is explicitly not meant as a personal endorsement of any kind.

In the debate concerning the subsequent .net registry operator Deutsche Telekom's NIC therefore holds a neutral position re VeriSign's ambitions to keep the .net registry operations.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me for any question that might occur.

Yours sincerely

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Horn'.

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