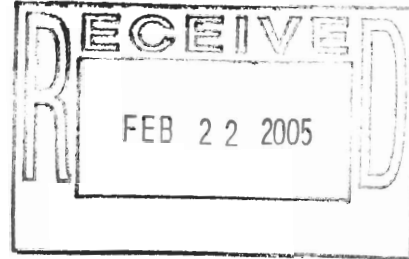




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Re: Applications for management of .net

Dr. Twomey,

As an ICANN accredited registrar and the leading .RU registrar, we at .RU understand the important role we play in facilitating online processes. With growth in email communication and the rapid adoption of broadband, an increased requirement for geographically robust systems exists. The administrator of the .net top level domain must have a proven ability to manage rapid growth of Internet demand, specifically in managing and scaling an infrastructure to meet worldwide demand. The management of .net requires a reliable, redundant, and global infrastructure footprint. We endorse VeriSign's network infrastructure as the one most capable of performing that role.

A robust architecture is critical to guaranteeing resolution of all .net websites, routing email, and conducting e-commerce. It is important that ICANN consider the important resolution function of managing a TLD as it is essential to maintaining the stability of the Internet. Highly stable and reliable resolution services are necessary for interoperability of all parts of the internet. In this area – providing superior resolution availability – VeriSign has consistently delivered a high-quality service and commits to a 100% service agreement.

We urge ICANN to consider these requirements and VeriSign's corresponding, successful performance in making its selection between applicants for the management of .net.

Sincerely

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