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RE: Existing and Future Operation of .NET

Dear Mr. Paul Twomey,

It is my understanding that the contract for managing the .NET top level domain (TLD) is currently being considered in an open Request for Proposal process for possible reassignment. As one of the leading ICANN-accredited registrars in Korea, Gabia, Inc. has numerous customers, who heavily depend upon .NET domain names for their mission critical business operations. Accordingly, we have a strong interest in the .NET reassignment, which could adversely affect not only our customers' business operations but also the Internet users in Korea.

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. If DNS performance levels drop for any reason, service to my customers could be impacted. VeriSign has operated .NET to the highest levels and consistently delivered 100% uptime. They have demonstrated their operational expertise by ensuring performance while faced with a growing rate of Denial of Service attacks and viruses.

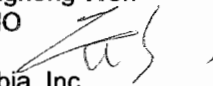
As a service provider heavily dependent on .NET, my company will gain no benefit from .NET being transitioned to another operator. Indeed the very act of transitioning could risk performance. Please accept this communication as our strong endorsement of VeriSign's performance to date and a request that ongoing performance of .NET is not unnecessarily impacted.

In addition, as you may be aware already, VeriSign has established a mirror TLD site for .COM and .NET in Korea in very close coordination with National Internet Development Agency of Korea (NIDA), formerly known as KRNIC (.KR ccTLD Registry) and Korea Telecom (KT) since July 2004. Considering the latency of .NET DNS resolutions experienced in the past before VeriSign's investment in Korea, I strongly believe the new site has provided much improved resolution capabilities with enhanced performance and reliability to the broader Internet communities in and around Korea. We would appreciate support from your corporation to ensure that, in the event the .net TLD is assigned to a party other than VeriSign, the successor party will agree to operate an equivalent .NET mirror server in Korea with no lapse or degradation in service or operational support and at no cost as is the case today.

Thank you for your attention and considerations in this matter.

Sincerely,

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