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Dear Mr Twomey,

We at KT just learned that ICANN has a plan to issue the RFP (Request for Proposal) for the purpose of selecting operator of the .net TLD, of which Verisign's operating term will be expired in the near future.

We at KT, as the largest ISP (Internet Service Provider) with more than 6 million household subscribers and the biggest Internet network operator in Korea, consider reliable operation of .net with scalability is critical to our business. KT uses net domain names for many of its strategic services, such as kornet.net and megapass.net, and uses .net hosts to provide services to its customer base.

Along with many of the key Internet stakeholders in Korea, KT is extremely well aware that DNS is the weak point in the Internet, therefore, operator of the .net TLD needs to maintain the highest level of performance, especially in the DNS resolution system. That is why KT has been hosting a copy of anycasted root and .COM/.NET gTLD servers in its IDC (Internet Data Center) facility, located close to Seoul, Korea since July this year.

A geographically diverse network with 100% uptime and low packet loss rates (less than 1%) is indispensable to our business, without mentioning many of the Internet services we at KT have provided in Korea.

We are highly anxious about possible difficulties our customers may suffer from disruption or demise of DNS operation and .net names provision by any chance, during possible transition of operator.

We have been fully satisfied with the services VeriSign has provided. We can assure that VeriSign has operated .net to the highest levels with consistent deliverance of 100% uptime. We strongly desire that high quality service VeriSign has provided so far continued in the future.

VeriSign has demonstrated its operational expertise by ensuring performance while facing a growing rate of DoS attacks and viruses.

We, as a service provider heavily depend on .net,, 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 current performance of .net is not unnecessarily impacted.

Should you choose a different operator for the .NET TLD regardless of our support for VeriSign, we want that the new operator place a resolution site in KT complex, so that we can be assured of the same level of .NET resolution capabilities not only for KT and its subscribers but also for the whole Internet users in Korea and those in surrounding countries in Asia. I would appreciate your support and consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,



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