

5 April 2019

Mr. Sivasubramanian Muthusamy
Proprietor, Nameshop

RE: New gTLD Application for .IDN

Dear Mr. Sivasubramanian Muthusamy,

Thank you for your letter of 10 March 2019. We have posted it on the ICANN Correspondence page here: <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/muthusamy-to-chalaby-marby-10mar19-en.pdf>.

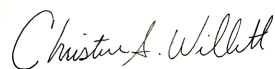
We understand that you have requested for the ICANN Board Chair, as well as the ICANN President and CEO, to facilitate the delegation of Nameshop's application for .IDN. We also understand your intention "to operate the Registry in the global public interest, including the support and growth of Internet usage in developing regions." We deeply appreciate your commitment to the ICANN community and the global public interest. However, as we have communicated to you several times in prior meetings and correspondence¹, the Applicant Guidebook does not provide further avenues for delegation of Nameshop's application. As such, ICANN, including the ICANN Board Chair and the ICANN President and CEO, is unable to take any additional action.

Given we are unable to take further action on Nameshop's application, we encourage you to withdraw the application for a full refund of Nameshop's application fee. Additionally, as you are aware, the GNSO Subsequent Procedures Working Group is actively at work developing policy recommendations for subsequent rounds of the New gTLD Program. We encourage you to consider re-applying in a subsequent round.

Finally, with regard to your request for an in-person meeting, we politely decline your request. As we do not have any new information to share at this time, ICANN Board members and Executives are unable to meet with you regarding this matter at ICANN65 in Marrakech.

Thank you again for your letter and for your continued commitment to ICANN's multistakeholder process.

Sincerely,



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Vice President, gTLD Operations, ICANN

¹ See: 24 April 2017 letter (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/willett-to-muthusamy-24apr17-en.pdf>); 21 July 2017 letter (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/willett-to-muthusamy-21jul17-en.pdf>); 14 September 2017 letter (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/willett-to-muthusamy-14sep17-en.pdf>); 16 October 2018 letter (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/willett-to-muthusamy-16oct18-en.pdf>).