



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Via Email and Regular Mail

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Dear Jonathan,

Thanks for your recent correspondence regarding the .NAME gTLD Registry. Upon our request and conversations, you provided correspondence addressed to Dr. Paul Twomey, dated 12 November 2008. In that letter you requested that ICANN consent to the assignment from GNR to VeriSign Information Services, Inc. ("VIS") of the .NAME gTLD (the ".NAME Registry Agreement") dated 15 August 2007. We understand that GNR was acquired by VIS, a wholly owned subsidiary of VeriSign, Inc. pursuant to a share purchase agreement that was signed and closed on 1 October 2008. We further understand that VIS has agreed pursuant to the assignment of the .NAME Registry Agreement to assume and perform all obligations of GNR under the agreement.

ICANN has no objections to the assignment, however, ICANN's consent to the assignment of the .NAME Registry Agreement is conditioned on receipt of a copy of the assignment and assumption agreement executed between GNR and VIS, which should include an acknowledgment that ICANN's consent to the assignment does not waive any rights ICANN may have to take action with respect to any prior breaches of the agreement by GNR.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter or our consent, please let us know. Please also keep us informed if there have been or are expected to be any material changes in the operations of the .NAME registry as a result of such assignment.

Sincerely,

John O. Jeffrey
General Counsel & Secretary

cc: Kurt Pritz, SVP Services
Craig Schwartz, Chief gTLD Registry Liaison