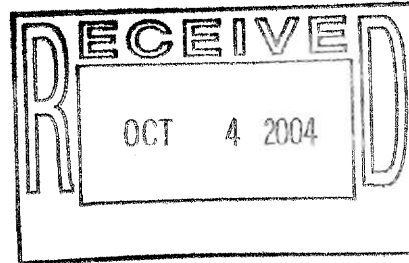


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Dr. Paul Twomey  
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Dr. Twomey,

The Thomson Group is the leading worldwide supplier of digital content and video network solutions to the media and entertainment industries. In our businesses, we use .net as our primary web address (www.thomson.net), and we require on our domain properties as well as other .net hosts and nameservers to rapidly respond to all DNS queries. We recognize the critical role .net plays in the stability of the Internet, and see it as a valuable communications network. As such, the current .net RFP process is of interest to us, and we respectfully submit this letter as endorsement of VeriSign's role as registry operator.

The rapid adoption of broadband and demand for multimedia drives a requirement for highly reliable, scalable, robust and geographically disbursed DNS infrastructure. The systems and processes that enable the exchange of digital content command and delivery of video networking a registry operator design, manage and scale their systems to meet increasing demand of a growing number of Internet users and the continual introduction of new technologies. Additionally, a highly responsive architecture is imperative to guaranteeing resolution of all .net websites for gathering information, researching products, and discovering, purchasing and delivering content.

VeriSign has a corporate commitment and mission of providing trusted infrastructure services, and consistently delivers on this goal. They have successfully operated .net through the rapid growth of the Internet, specifically in managing and scaling an infrastructure to meet ever-growing worldwide demand. VeriSign manages .net from their global network infrastructure - the largest of any TLD operator - and withstands the largest of DDOS and virus attacks. Finally, it is important that ICANN consider the critical component DNS resolution plays in maintaining the stability of the Internet. In this area - providing resolution services - VeriSign has delivered extremely high level of service availability.

As a .net domain holder and user of the Internet for a myriad of multimedia services, we wish to continue receiving the high-quality of service that VeriSign offers for .net. Please consider this communication endorsement of VeriSign's continued management of .net.

Sincerely,

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Thomson Digital Media Solutionscc: The Honorable Donald L. Evans, Secretary of Commerce  
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