



14 September 2017

**Via Email**

Mr. Sivasubramanian Muthusamy  
Proprietor, Nameshop

RE: Nameshop's New gTLD Application

Dear Mr. Sivasubramanian Muthusamy,

Thank you for your communication of 31 July 2017 regarding Nameshop's new gTLD application. Per your request, your letter has been published on the ICANN Correspondence Page here: <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/muthusamy-to-willett-31jul17-en.pdf>. As previously communicated, we also published your letter of 16 June 2017<sup>1</sup> along with our response of 21 July 2017<sup>2</sup>.

I understand your comments as they relate to your new gTLD application, and I note your request for a face-to-face meeting. I know that my team is currently coordinating with you on a date for a meeting; please continue to work with them on finding the best time for both our schedules. Based on the dates proposed, we will also compare with the schedules of other ICANN organization members to determine availability. However, I would like to reiterate that, while I am happy to meet with you to discuss the matter of your application, ICANN does not have any new information to share at this time.

Additionally, I wanted to clarify a couple of items mentioned in your letter.

You stated in your letter:

*"Nameshop asked ICANN either to process .IDN or to allow the string to be changed to .Internet; ICANN took a position as early as in 2013 to disallow .IDN and process the change request for .Internet instead. While the string .Internet has been revealed and known to the "insider" members of the ICANN Community as applied for, this information is hidden from the view of the larger public due to the insistence of the ICANN's Global Domains Division to refer to the Nameshop Communications as Communications on .IDN. Furthermore, the string in question is misleadingly shown as .IDN on the ICANN website."*

The New gTLD Program microsite<sup>3</sup> properly reflects Nameshop's application as it was submitted, which was for the TLD .IDN. Additionally, as explained on previous occasions, ICANN only publishes changes to application materials for change requests approved by ICANN. The change request referenced in your letter was not approved, therefore this

<sup>1</sup> See: <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/muthusamy-to-willett-16jun17-en.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> See: <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/willett-to-muthusamy-21jul17-en.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> See: <https://gtdresult.icann.org/>

information was not published to the .IDN application materials on the New gTLD Program microsite.

You also stated in your letter:

*"Perspectives or statements from leaders of the Community, demonstrate agreement that .Internet would be operated in the global public interest. ICANN should carefully consider these comments before answering this request again. The many who are responding went through a considerable thought and consideration process before agreeing to support the .Internet application. Their statements should not be taken lightly or dismissed without careful consideration."*

As communicated to you in our response of 21 July 2017, comments of support may be submitted to the New gTLD Application Comments Forum. To submit a comment and view instructions on how to submit a comment, please see:

<https://gtldcomment.icann.org/applicationcomment/login>. Please see Applicant Guidebook section 1.1.2.3 for more information on the procedures surrounding application comments.<sup>4</sup>

I hope this information has been helpful to you. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at [globalsupport@icann.org](mailto:globalsupport@icann.org). Thank you again for your continued participation in ICANN's multistakeholder process.

Sincerely,



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<sup>4</sup> See: <https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/agb/guidebook-full-04jun12-en.pdf>.