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.net-Registry

Dear Dr. Twomey,

I understand that ICANN will soon be accepting proposals from various registries to take over operation of the .net TLD. I've had an opportunity to review many of the endorsement letters that are posted on your website, and as a registrar, I too agree that the stability and reliability of the domain name system is critical, and the evaluation of bids and the subsequent transition to another registry should be handled with great care.

We ourselves are one of the oldest ISP in Germany and we are a registrar too. So we have been working for several years now with DENIC, the registry operator for the more than 8 million .de domains in Germany, and we're entirely pleased with the very good job they've done.

In this years they had to prove their operational and technical capabilities for many times. They've maintained the highest levels of performance and consistently delivered 100% uptime, without a single failure in its ten year history.

One of the most interesting criteria for a Registry is to be neutral. Let me say: DENIC is absolut neutral in front of their Registrars.

Also transition of the .net Registry will be difficult. But we know, that the staff at DENIC will be able to do this job on a very high level.

DENIC has proven itself to be a technically capable and competent registry, and we fully support DENIC in its bid to become the next .net registry operator.

Sincerely,

Uwe Stache

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