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Re: .NET Registry Operation

Dear Paul:

The planned RFP process for the .net operation is of significant interest to the three registrars in the Go Daddy Group of companies and we would like to outline our position on this subject. Moving the operation of a Registry, especially one of the scale of .NET, could have a significant impact on the Registrar community. We will incur significant costs in developing interfaces to a new registry operator. Further, we have to divert key resources onto this project and away from current revenue generating opportunities.

In addition to the initial development costs, ongoing performance and stability are key considerations for any Registrar. Any drop in performance standards of the Registration system can have a negative commercial impact to our business. SRS availability and response times are key metrics that could impact our business if performance levels fall in any way. We have built our business around these basic Technical principles:

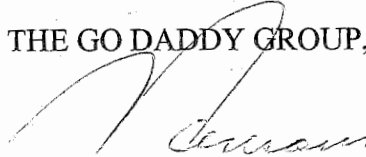
1. Domain Query Response Times
 - a. COM + NET have always sustained millisecond response times
 - b. Any latency in .NET response times would impact the search result of all out TLDs in our purchase flow.
2. Ability to handle high volumes of CHECKS
 - a. VeriSign has successfully scaled to meet our volume of Check commands
 - b. The inability of the new .NET registry to support our volume of Checks would not only slow down our purchase flow but also create a bad customer experience thus reducing our sales.

VeriSign has shown they are capable of operating the .NET registry in a consistent and stable manner. They have demonstrated their operational expertise by ensuring performance while faced with a growing rate of DDoS attacks and viruses, among other things.

As a Registrar, we see no benefit in transferring the .NET registry to another operator. Please accept this communication as an endorsement of VeriSign's performance to date and our support of VeriSign retaining the .net Registry operation going forward.

Very truly yours,

THE GO DADDY GROUP, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Parsons", is written over the printed name.

Robert R. Parsons
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