



21 July 2017

Via Email

Mr. Sivasubramanian Muthusamy
Proprietor, Nameshop

RE: Nameshop New gTLD Application

Dear Mr. Sivasubramanian Muthusamy,

Thank you for your communication of 16 June 2017 regarding Nameshop's new gTLD application. Per your request, your letter has been published on the ICANN correspondence page at <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/muthusamy-to-willett-16jun17-en.pdf>. As previously communicated, we have also published your letter of 15 March 2017¹ along with ICANN's response of 24 April 2017² regarding our meeting at ICANN58 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

You stated in your letter:

Nameshop's present focus is not, on what has already happened, but to move forward with positive arguments concerning the commitments to operate the string .Internet responsibly in a manner that the operation of the string .Interent [sic] would of value to ICANN, the DNS and to the Internet community.

We take note of your expressed commitments regarding the intended operation of Nameshop's registry. However, as previously communicated to you, the New gTLD Program processes defined in the Applicant Guidebook do not provide further avenues for Nameshop's application to progress, and the ICANN organization is not able to take action on Nameshop's application based on the information provided in this letter, previous letters, or previous conversations.

You also stated in your letter:

...[W]e expect to work with the community to build out the registry in a way to provide real measurable benefit to new and existing users worldwide, with due and fair attention to the developing regions. The applicant wishes to go over some of these details in total trust meet with one or two Community Leaders or Members of the Board or the CEO or a Senior Staff of the GDD, who may in turn broadly offer an opinion to the entire Board on the unspoken merits of the Nameshop application to operate the string .Internet.

As stated above, the ICANN organization is unable to take any further action on Nameshop's application. The matter of your application for .IDN has been addressed by the ICANN organization in writing and during in-person meetings on multiple occasions over the past four years. We do not have any new information to share at this time.

¹ See: <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/muthusamy-to-crocker-et-al-15mar17-en.pdf>

² See: <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/willett-to-muthusamy-24apr17-en.pdf>

With regard to your request for an in-person meeting, I was not present at ICANN59 in Johannesburg, South Africa, so I was unable to participate in such a meeting. However, I would be happy to schedule a conference call to discuss these matters further. You may send your request for a meeting to globalsupport@icann.org, and my team will work with you to coordinate the meeting.

In your follow-up email of 29 June 2017, you noted that some community members might wish to express support for the Nameshop application. 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>. However, we would like to reiterate that ICANN is unable to take any further action on Nameshop's application.

Finally, we remind you that the ICANN community is actively working to develop policy for subsequent procedures to the 2012 round of the New gTLD Program. Should you wish to be involved in this policy development, we encourage you to participate in the Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures.³ Further, once procedures have been established for the next gTLD application period and the period has begun, you may submit an application for a new gTLD, subject to those established procedures.

I hope this information has been helpful to you. Thank you again for your continued participation in ICANN's multistakeholder process.

Sincerely,



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³ See: <https://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/new-gtld-subsequent-procedures>