



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Mr. Dirk Krischenowski
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Re: Addressing the Consequences of Name Collisions

Dear Mr. Dirk Krischenowski:

ICANN thanks you for your letter dated 11 August 2013. We appreciate that you took the time to write us, and we have posted your letter to the New gTLD correspondence page (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/correspondence/krischenowski-to-chalaby-falstrom-11aug13-en.pdf>). We would like to address some of your key points below.

With respect to your questions about the DNS Stability Panel:

The ICANN management team selected Interisle Consulting Group (Interisle) as the DNS Stability Panel. ICANN engaged Interisle to select members for the expert panel, which evaluated strings against the DNS Stability criteria described in Section 2.2.1.3 of the Applicant Guidebook (AGB). Further detail of the panel's process is available on the New gTLD microsite (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/evaluation-panels/dns-stability-process-07jun13-en.pdf>). DNS Stability results were either "Pass" or "Not Pass" as described in the AGB. As described in the Initial Evaluation report for .BERLIN published on the New gTLD microsite (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/sites/default/files/ier/f3T5ufeSpeThAJezaxezuDtE/ie-1-902-9993-en.pdf>), the application passed the DNS Stability review.

With respect to your questions regarding "Name Collisions in the DNS":

The study "Name Collisions in the DNS" is the first study that ICANN has commissioned on this topic (<http://www.icann.org/en/about/staff/security/ssr/name-collision-02aug13-en.pdf>). Other than the Interisle report and similar reports on name collision at the root, ICANN does not have statistics or analysis regarding the occurrence of name collisions under existing TLDs. In an effort to gather more information and determine how to best proceed, ICANN initiated

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a public comment period on 5 August 2013, on the "New gTLD Collision Risk Mitigation Proposal" (<http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/name-collision-05aug13-en.htm>). Lastly, the patent mentioned in your letter had no role in the name collision study.

We note that you have submitted a comment to the Public Comment Forum, and we thank you for your valuable input. We will provide an update to the community once the reply period has closed and the comments have been compiled and analyzed. Thank you for your communication and your participation in ICANN's multi-stakeholder process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Akram Atallah", is written in a cursive style.

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