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Re: Contractual Compliance Audit for the .net TLD

Dear Maguy et al,

Verisign respectfully declines the invitation to voluntarily participate in ICANN's proposed Contractual Compliance Audit for the .net TLD. As set forth in my 7 December 2012 letter and confirmed in Jack Khawaja's 27 December 2012 email, Verisign has no contractual obligations under its .net Registry Agreement with ICANN to comply with the proposed audit. Absent such express contractual obligations, Verisign will not submit itself to an audit by or at the direction of ICANN of its books and records.

Verisign nevertheless welcomes the opportunity to cooperate with ICANN in the future in any Contractual Compliance Audits of TLDs operated by Verisign for which the applicable registry agreement contains sufficient audit rights.

Sincerely,

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