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Backup Internet Registry Operators Named

Varying Global Locations Assure Stable and Secure Domain Name System

Los Angeles, California... The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) has announced the selection of three emergency back-end registry operators (EBEROs), which will help assure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's Domain Name System as new generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) come online.

The China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC), Neustar, Inc. and Nominet were selected to guarantee domain names within a new gTLD will continue to work properly in the event of a failure by a Top-Level Domain.

"This is an important step in bringing new Top Level Domains into the Internet's root," said Fadi Chehadé, ICANN's President. "Having emergency backup registry operators in various locations around the globe will help assure that events such as natural disasters, political upheaval or economic turmoil in one geographic region will not totally disrupt the global Domain Name System."

The China Internet Network Information Center is based in Beijing, Nominet is the United Kingdom and Neustar is in the United States.

"CNNIC is very proud to be one of the ICANN approved EBEROs. As we are the only EBERO in the Asia Pacific region, we are confident to take the responsibility to sustain the stability of Global DNS structure and improve the robustness of new gTLD program. CNNIC is fully committed to future active engagement in ICANN agenda in order to promote the global public interests on the Internet", said a CNNIC spokesman.

Lesley Cowley, the CEO of Nominet said, "The impending new gTLDs represent a new phase in the history of the internet, and we're delighted to play a key role supporting them as an EBERO, sitting at the heart of the expanding global domain name space."

"We are pleased that ICANN selected Neustar to be a trusted provider of services and technology to sustain critical registry functions in the event of an emergency," said Alex Berry, Senior Vice President of Enterprise Services for Neustar. "The emergency back-end registry operator program will enhance user confidence regarding the overall security of the Domain Name System after the addition of new Top Level Domains."

Emergency back-end registry operators are activated only if a registry operator needs help to sustain certain critical registry functions temporarily or in case those functions transition for one registry operator to another.

The three selected organizations met stringent technical requirements and demonstrated years of experience in operating domain name services, registration data directory services and extensive provisioning protocol services.

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About ICANN: ICANN's mission is to ensure a stable, secure and unified global Internet. To reach another person on the Internet you have to type an address into your computer - a name or a number. That address has to be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN coordinates these unique identifiers across the world. Without that coordination we wouldn't have one global Internet. ICANN was formed in 1998. It is a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers. ICANN doesn't control content on the Internet. It cannot stop spam and it doesn't deal with access to the Internet. But through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet. **For more information please visit:** www.icann.org.

About CNNIC: In light of the policies of "providing efficient and application-oriented services through secure & stable Internet infrastructure for public interests", CNNIC, as an important constructor, operator and administrator of infrastructure in Chinese information society, is responsible for operation, administration and services of fundamental Internet resources, undertakes R&D and security work of fundamental Internet resources, conducts research on Internet development and provides consultancy, and promotes the cooperation and technological exchange of global Internet in an effort to become a world-class network information center. **For more information please visit:** www.cnnic.cn

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About Nominet: Domain names are one of the key building blocks of the internet - the essential component for every email address and website. Millions of businesses and consumers now depend on Nominet's services, which underpin a critical part of the internet economy. Nominet is a private, not-for-profit business, responsible for the smooth and secure running of the .uk Internet infrastructure. We have over 2,800 members and are committed to acting in the public interest. Nominet has also recently been chosen by several brands and communities to launch and manage new top level domains such as .wales, .cymru and .bbc. **For more information please visit:** www.nominet.org.uk