



Scott Donahey : “Professionally run, WIPO supported, the TM space is unique.”

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London, United Kingdom – February 18th 2003 : TM Domain Registry Ltd is proud to announce the worldwide reopening of the .TM Internet domain name space, the ISO-3166 code for Turkmenistan that can be used for e-mail or web addresses (such as www.domain.tm).

“With responsibilities to serve the global and local Internet Community the re-opening of on-line services including the re-instatement of WHOIS services is most welcome” said Scott Donahey, Domain name panellist and international arbitrator, “As Internet two letter code extensions are becoming more and more attractive, the Government and Internet Society of Turkmenistan should be congratulated for asking TM Domain Registry to re-establish .TM with all the necessary means allowing Registrants to benefit from state of the art policy and technical structures”.

Through strategic relationships with proven and established technology providers The .TM Registry uses servers in UK, Netherlands, Japan, Australia and USA as well as leading standards such as EPP and IPv6 to ensure one of the best services on the Internet and welcome worldwide registration. Following discussions with the Internet Society of Turkmenistan, TM Domain Registry manages the technical aspects of Domain name registration for members of the Local Internet Community while the Turkmen Internet Community stays in charge of the policy for the free Registration under subdomains .org.tm, .com.tm and .net.tm open to eligible Turkmen residents who can also benefit from free web hosting and e-mail from TM Domain Registry. Once again International registrations are now possible under .tm on the established “first come, first served” principle with special provisions to allay risks of Cyber squatting .

“Cyber Squatting is a continuing problem” says Donahey, “the fact that TM Domain Registry is using the World Intellectual Property Organization’s Arbitration and Mediation Center to back its Dispute Resolution Service is reassuring to all legitimate domain name registrants”.

A close relationship with WIPO also enables TM Registry to establish an updated content policy for international registrations that will greatly enhance the stability and attractiveness of the space for the domain name holder. “We are building .TM domain names as a quality space for domain name holders” said Paul Kane, TM Registry General Manager, “We offer IPv6 Servers, DNSSEC and with the help of WIPO, we will seek to ensure sites within the space are not offensive to the users of the internet, such as pornographic or illegal in

certain jurisdictions. Whilst not policing the space the .TM Domain rules provide for the deactivation of domains as soon as we are formally informed of policy violations”.

About TM Domain Registry

TM Domain Registry Limited is the cost recovery company headquartered in London, UK running the .TM Internet extension. Specifically designed to ensure stability of the .TM, the DNS and “peace of mind” to their domain holders, TM Domain Registry uses proven technology and its managers’ strong track record in the field to provide one of the best services on the Internet. Committed to serving the global and Turkmenistan national internet communities, TM Domain Registry has created a fund that will grow with each international registration to help enhancing the quality of life and Internet usage in the country of Turkmenistan, TM being the ISO-3166 code for the country. (see www.domain.tm)

About Scott Donahey:

Mr. M. Scott Donahey, a national of the United States of America, is a partner with Tomlinson Zisko LLP. Mr. Donahey is a member of the panels of three of the four dispute resolution providers currently certified by ICANN to decide complaints regarding the abusive registration of domain names, and he is the author of the first decision issued under the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy. He is on the panel of arbitrators of the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva and is a distinguished neutral on the Technology Panel of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution. Mr. Donahey is the only non-Asian on the panels which will determine domain name disputes in the .CN country-code domain operated by the People's Republic of China. (see www.tzllp.com)

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