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## Verisign Announces Participation in ICANN's New gTLD Program

RESTON, VA -- (Marketwire) -- 06/13/12 -- VeriSign, Inc. (NASDAQ: VRSN), the trusted provider of Internet infrastructure services for the networked world, today announced that the Company applied for nine Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) transliterations of .com and three IDN transliterations of .net. These applications represent 12 of the 14 new generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) applications that Verisign submitted through the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) new gTLD program.

"Verisign welcomes the opportunity to participate in the global market growth for domain names and registry services that ICANN's new gTLD program will bring. We believe our experience will serve businesses and consumers who demand greater performance and reliability from Internet infrastructure," said Jim Bidzos, chairman and chief executive officer of Verisign.

Verisign applied for IDN transliterations of .com in the following nine non-Latin based scripts: Arabic, Cyrillic, Devanagari (Indian), Hangul (Korean), Hebrew, Hiragana and Katakana (Japanese), Simplified Chinese, Thai and Traditional Chinese. Verisign also applied for IDN transliterations of .net in Devanagari, Hangul and Simplified Chinese scripts.

"Internationalized Domain Names will make the Internet more personal to end users around the world by allowing them to identify themselves using their native language scripts," said Pat Kane, senior vice president and general manager of Naming Services at Verisign. "These non-Latin-based transliterations of .com and .net should provide new opportunities and more choices for global Internet users."

In addition to the 12 IDN transliterations of .com and .net, Verisign applied for .verisign and .comsec.

Finally, as previously announced, applicants for approximately 220 new gTLDs selected Verisign to provide back-end registry services.

### *About Verisign*

VeriSign, Inc. (NASDAQ: VRSN) is the trusted provider of Internet infrastructure services for the networked world. Billions of times each day, Verisign helps companies and consumers all over the world connect between the dots. Additional news and information about the company is available at [www.VerisignInc.com](http://www.VerisignInc.com).

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