



WIPO to Provide Domain Name Dispute Resolution Services for .TM

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London, United Kingdom – February 18th 2003 : TM Domain Registry Ltd today announced the reopening of the .TM Registry for Internet Domain Names. .TM operates on a “first come, first served” principle and is open to any entity or individual wishing to register a .TM domain name to be visible on the Internet.

In order to discourage trademark infringements, .TM Registry decided to adopt the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) and has retained the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center as its worldwide dispute resolution service provider. Any disputes relating to .TM domain names will be decided by independent WIPO Panellists selected from around the world.

Dr. Francis Gurry, WIPO Assistant Director General and Director of the Arbitration and Mediation Center, welcomed the decision of .TM Registry to adopt the UDRP. “We are delighted to work with .TM Domain Registry. The Registry recognizes the proven value and relevance of the UDRP for reducing intellectual property infringements in the domain name space.” Dr. Gurry says.

In addition to providing protection under the UDRP, the .TM Registry further discourages cyber squatting by requiring a minimum registration period of ten years. “Since registration of a .tm domain name must be made for an initial ten year period, the Registrant can be assured of stability and security associated with the domain name for the registration period, which will deter cyber squatters and enhance the quality of the .tm domain name space” says .TM General Manager Paul Kane.

.TM domain names are available for registration through .TM Registry-accredited Registrars (www.domain.tm/registrars.html). The WIPO Center provides full information on its domain dispute resolution services at <http://arbiter.wipo.int/domains/index.html>.

About TM Domain Registry Ltd

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 WIPO

WIPO is the intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting the international protection of intellectual property. The WIPO Center was established in 1994 and is the leading provider of domain name dispute resolution services. The UDRP, formulated on the basis of WIPO recommendations, was originally designed for disputes arising in the generic top-level domains (gTLDs), such as .COM, .NET or .ORG. Since December 1999, the WIPO Center has administered over 4,500 cases on the basis of the UDRP.

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