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SGNIC Announces Implementation of Registry-Registrar System

1 With effect from 1 January 2003, the Singapore Network Information Centre (SGNIC) will implement a Registry-Registrar (SgR2R) System to allow multiple registrars accredited by SGNIC to register com/org/net/edu/per.sg domain names with SGNIC.

2 Under this new system, SGNIC will continue to carry out its registry function in terms of maintaining the country's overall .sg database and setting related domain name registration policies. However, to ease the transition into the SgR2R System of 1 January 2003, SGNIC will begin to relinquish its registrar function progressively from 1 November 2002, in favour of accredited registrars, such as ISPs and web-hosting companies. Accredited registrars can then provide a host of services to users ranging from Internet connection, web-hosting to domain name registration as well. With competition in domain name services, users can benefit from the one-stop and innovative value-added services provided by those accredited registrars.

3 To promote competition, SGNIC will not limit the number of accredited registrars but for a start, SGNIC is pleased to accredit the following five registrars to provide registration service. Meanwhile, registrants whose domain names are due for renewal on or after 1 January 2003 should arrange for their domain names to be transferred to these accredited registrars. SGNIC will be sending out letters advising registrants on the transfer details over the next seven days. If they do not receive the letters by the third week of November, they can email SGNIC for assistance at : dnq@nic.net.sg or Tel : (65) 6774-0479.

Adicio Pte Ltd
Website: <http://www.ADICIO.net>
Tel: (65) 6285-9597

IP Mirror Pte Ltd
Website: <http://www.IPMIRROR.com>
Tel: (65) 6222-0105

Pacific Internet Ltd
Website: <http://corporate.pacific.net.sg>
Tel: (65) 6226-8668 (corporate hotline)

SingNet Pte Ltd
For per.sg:
Website: <http://www.singnet.com.sg>
Tel: 1610 or (65) 6838-3899 (for overseas users)
For com.sg, net.sg, org.sg, edu.sg:
Website: <http://business.singnet.com.sg>
Tel: 1606 or (65) 6738-3838 (for overseas users)

Webvisions Pte Ltd
Website: <http://www.webvisions.com>
Tel: (65) 6773-9555

4 SGNIC believes that competition in domain name registration service will benefit potential registrants in accessing to a wide range of services in support of registration service. SGNIC is therefore inviting companies who are interested to become accredited registrars, to submit their applications to SGNIC. The policy and application procedures, as well as general information/ FAQs on the new SgR2R system are available at the SGNIC website: www.nic.net.sg.

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About Singapore Network Information Centre (SGNIC)

The Singapore Network Information Centre (SGNIC) is a fully owned subsidiary of the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore. SGNIC was set up in October 1995 with the main purpose of administering the Internet domain name space in Singapore. It is the central registry delegated by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) to administer domain name registration under the '.sg' domain name. SGNIC collaborates with the international, regional and local Internet communities to ensure a stabilised and efficient operation of the '.sg' domain name space in support of applications provided over the Internet.

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