

Montserrat - .MS



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Background

- MNI Networks Limited is a company located in Montserrat and operated under the laws of Montserrat.
- The company provides a variety of ICT services and consultancies including network design, network installation and maintenance.
- Under a new agreement which is being finalized with the Government of Montserrat, MNI Networks' services are now being expanded to include Domain Registry Services for the .MS ccTLD.

Background contd.

- The .MS Registry is currently being operated by a UK company called AdamsNames.
- ICANN and AdamsNames have been informed of the Government of Montserrat's desire to have the .MS ccTLD redelegated to MNI Networks Limited.
- MNI Networks Limited will shortly be submitting the required documentation and entering into discussions with ICANN and AdamsNames to effect a smooth redelegation process.

.MS Registry Policies

- Registration of .MS domain names is open to any individual, company or organization anywhere in the world. There are no residency requirements.
- Domain names are registered on '*first-come, first-served*' basis; subject to the provisions of our **detailed policies** and **naming rules** which will be published on our website.

.MS Domain Structure

- The following names will be available in the .MS Domain Structure.
 - .MS
 - .COM.MS
 - .ORG.MS
 - .NET.MS
 - .EDU.MS
 - .GOV.MS

Hardware/Software

- A number of hardware/software configurations are under review a decision will be made by the end of February 2007.
- Consideration is being given to outsourcing some back-office functions.
- MNI Networks Limited is still reviewing all options to ensure we achieve optimal registry operations.

.MS Registry Staffing

We anticipate having 3 to 4 members of staff at the outset:

- One (1) – Administrative (to deal with administrative contacts and policy)
- One (1) – Accounting (to handle all billing and collection matters.)
- One (1) – Technical (to manage the technical aspects of registry operation)
- One (1) – Clerical (optional - to handle queries and manage day to day office affairs)

.MS Registry Fees

- The .MS Registry will be funded by annual domain registration fees as per the table below.

TLD	Annual Fees
.MS	US \$75.00
.COM.MS	US \$75.00
.NET.MS	US \$75.00
.ORG.MS	US \$75.00
.EDU.MS	Free
.GOV.MS	Free

Regulatory Bodies

- Regulatory oversight for telecommunications in Montserrat falls under the Ministry of Communications and Works.
- Domain registry issues are not currently dealt with by any legislation in Montserrat. This is something which will be looked at in the near future as the Government of Montserrat seeks to liberalize the telecommunications sector and set up a regulatory framework for ICT governance.

Future Plans

In addition to developing the .MS Registry into a world class domain registry service MNI Networks plans to offer the following services in the future:

- Personalized Email Services
- Integration with Company Registrations
- Targeted Marketing
- Web Hosting
- Web Development
- E-Commerce
- Exploration of ENUM Services

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