Net 4 India Limited – Summary of Proceedings and Orally-Issued Court Orders
(27 April 2021)

Summary of Proceedings and Orally-Issued Court Orders through 19 March 2021 is available here.

Since 19 March 2021, the following has occurred in the Net 4 India Limited (Net 4 India) matter.

On 23 March 2021, ICANN appeared before the Court and provided further written submissions to demonstrate the harm being suffered by registrants as a result of Net 4 India's actions, and also to request that the Court issue its final determination as soon as possible.

On 18 April 2021, ICANN org filed an additional written submission with the Court, this time explaining: (i) that in the days immediately prior, some (or all) of Net 4 India's nameservers completely ceased to operate, resulting in thousands of Net 4 India customers losing access to their websites; and (ii) the impact on India as a result of Net 4 India's actions (given that several of the recent complaints were submitted by public utilities, major corporations, financial services, members of the judiciary, and health-related services in India). On 20 April 2021, ICANN appeared before the Court to further emphasize the gravity of the situation and request that the Court vacate the Ad-Interim Order. Appreciating the urgency of the matter, the Court scheduled a hearing for 27 April 2021.

On 27 April 2021, the Court held a hearing and, after considering the latest submissions, orally issued an order vacating the Ad-Interim Order, thereby leaving ICANN free to give effect to the termination of Net 4 India's Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA).

ICANN org is moving forward with the termination and transfer process; and is initiating the De-Accredited Registrar Transition Procedure (DARTP), which will allow ICANN to transfer the registrations currently under Net 4 India's management to an ICANN-accredited registrar in good standing. Once a gaining registrar is identified and confirmed, it will then be listed on the Bulk Transfers page.