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Comments to 2.6GHz Auction of MCIT,PTD

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MCIT auction of 2.6GHZ spectrum is a welcome move for development of connectivity in Myanmar. This will help to bring in the much needed competition to bring down the cost of connectivity.

However, MCIT should not allow Telenor and Ooredoo to participate in this auction.

This is because Telenor and Ooredoo involvement in FWA could stifle competition, put connectivity of Myanmar in the hand of multinational company, send revenue aboard and leave no opportunity for local people.

Telenor and Ooredoo are multi national companies that has already achieved dominance over Telecom sector and their involvement in FWA will only give them even greater control and price setting power over wireless connection in Myanmar. Which could result in their monopoly over connectivity in Myanmar and stifle competition.

Telenor and Ooredoo being a multi national companies, their revenue will eventually end up aboard. This is unfortunate as these revenues in the hand of local businesses and people could be capital to be reinvested locally.

Their involvement in the auction, would also mean that local (I)license holder will not have the opportunity to involved in connectivity sector, leaving it in the hand of multi national company and not developing local capability.

As such MCIT should not allow Telenor and Ooredoo to participate in this auction to ensure that there are new local competitors in the connectivity sector to encourage competition, developed local capability and revenue to be kept locally.

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