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To

Director General
Posts and Telecommunications Department
Ministry of Transport and Communications
Nay Pyi Taw
The Republic Union of Myanmar

Our date

August 27, 2020

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Our reference

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Your reference

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Deputy Director General
Posts and Telecommunications Department

Subject: Matter related to collecting penalty fee for using the band of 5 GHz frequency

Reference: PTD ref. 700 – SaNya/Kwe(7)Resource/6485 dated August 24, 2020

Dear Sir,

Telenor Myanmar Limited (TML) has been notified of carrying out to collect the penalty fee for using above and beyond the frequency of the Unlicensed Band (5.725-5.875GHz) by referring to the reference letter received from the Posts and Telecommunications Department (PTD), with the subject matter mentioned above, in order to support further processes.

The letter states that as regards calculating penalty charges, for 4 Links from out of 10 Links which were found to be using above and beyond the frequency of the Unlicensed Band (5.725-5.875GHz), it will be calculated on Link-by-Link basis commencing from the time when the import permit was approved by PTD for equipment importation to be utilized in the Unlicensed Band frequency (5.725-5.875GHz), from 2017 October to 2020 April, and as for 6 Links, it will be calculated on the Link-by-Link basis commencing from 2017 October to 2019 December.

Telenor already pointed out the fact with the Ref. letter TML/CA/REG/283 dated on August 14, 2020, that there are no feasible alternatives to using microwave spectrum for mobile backhaul due to significant Right of Way issues associated with using fiber links as well as there are difficulties in getting access and approvals from individual Community and House Owners to lay fiber. Most of the Unlicensed MW Links are installed to facilitate Rural Areas as well as to circumvent deployment of fiber routes in those areas where it becomes more difficult to maintain. For such reasons, it is inevitable to utilize above and beyond the frequency of the Unlicensed Band (5.725-5.875GHz). However, Telenor hereby would like to request PTD to take the fact into account that the way of calculation will be fairly made.

Although the links provided by Cambium Networks for Telenor Myanmar Limited were introduced at the end of year 2017, the deployment of such links could be commenced only in the year of 2018 (please kindly see Annexure for the details). TML would like to make a request for PTD to reconsider that calculation model of penalties since it should be kindly based on starting point merely from the On-Air date of such links.

Should you have any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mya Thwin, SVP, Head of Regulatory,
Signing on behalf of Jon Omund Revhaug,
Chief Executive Officer, Telenor Myanmar Limited

Encl. Annexure

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