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MCMC CLARIFIES ON 700MHZ SPECTRUM ALLOCATION

28 November 2010, Cyberjaya - The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) wish to clarify on the various media and news reports surrounding the issue of allocation in the 700MHz band to YTL Communications Sdn Bhd (YTL).

Firstly, no assignment had been issued to YTL for them to offer pay TV broadcasting using the 700MHz band as reported. The operating licence issued to them on 30 August 2010 is for a content applications service provider individual licence (CASP licence) to provide subscription based Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) services using their 2.3GHz WiMax network. The duration of the operating licence is for five years.

MCMC would also like to clarify that it is assessing a detailed business plan by YTL for the roll out of digital pay TV and not 4G mobile services as reported.

MCMC would like to iterate that no spectrum assignments has been issued to YTL Communications Sdn Bhd in the 700MHz spectrum band for pay TV broadcasting, hence the reports and commentaries on a spectrum issuance are inaccurate.

Further, under the Malaysia's National Spectrum Plan, 700MHz spectrum band is allocated for broadcasting service and not for Long-Term Evolution (LTE) or 4G mobile services as speculated in the various media articles and reports. The ownership of all spectrum bands remains at all times with the Government of Malaysia.



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About Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (SKMM)

The primary role of SKMM is to implement and promote the Government's national policy objectives for the communications and multimedia sector. SKMM is also charged with overseeing the new regulatory framework for the converging industries of telecommunications, broadcasting and on-line activities, in accordance with the national policy objectives set out in the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (CMA), as well as postal services and digital certifications.

The CMA provides that SKMM undertakes a policy implementation role, while policy decision-making is vested with the Minister. The Minister may also give policy directions to the Commission.

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