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Dear Sirs,

Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting

We refer to Chapter 2 of the Consultation Paper of 1 December 2000 and respond as follows:

Subject:

2.25, 2.6 & 2.7

We agree with these proposals.

2.29 & 2.30

While we agree that the same mode of regulation as that for television programme services should apply also to sound broadcasting, we are uncertain as to whether, in case of an existing sound broadcasting licensee such as ourselves, there would need to be two separate licences: one for "transmission" and one for "provision" of services. We would suggest just one licence for "transmission" would suffice, as the regulation of "provision" could be generically covered under the Broadcasting Ordinance and other relevant laws such as defamation, etc.

Further, we assume that existing licensees would not need to apply for any new or substitute licences.

2.31 & 2.32

We agree with these proposals but would assume that the definition of "broadcasting service" would also be given (because that term is used in the Licence) the same definition as that proposed for "sound programme service".

2.33

We agree with this proposal.

2.34

We suggest that three years after launch of DTT for the review is too long, and that one year should be more appropriate.

2.35, 2.36, 2.37 & 2.38

We agree with these proposals.

Yours faithfully


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