Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

Notice of Public Consultation on 3-Year Strategic Plan for the Telecommunications Industry (2023-2025)

(27th October 2022)

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

In accordance with section 6(r) of the Telecommunications Act 2006 (**Act**), the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (**Commission**) is required to promote the systematic development of telecommunications throughout the Virgin Islands. Therefore, the Commission, in accordance with this statutory mandate and in support of its mission, to '*accelerate communications development in the BVI to empower consumers and foster a progressive environment*', has developed the 3-Year Strategic Plan for the Telecommunication Industry (2023-2025) (**Plan**). The Plan outlines some of the work that the Commission proposes to lead to further telecommunications development in the Territory, over a three-year period.

The Commission acknowledges that, pursuant to section 4(1) of the Telecommunications Code (Part 1) (Public Consultations and Public Hearings) Guidelines, 2010 (**Code**), it may publicly consult on any matter that could, in the opinion of the Commission, have a significant effect on the telecommunications sector of the Virgin Islands or a significant part thereof, including any matter that could have a significant effect on the rights and obligations of users of telecommunications services. Accordingly, the Commission considers it appropriate to consult on the Plan.

The consultation will be open to the public as we seek to receive views from all interested stakeholders, citizens and businesses of the Virgin Islands. The Commission shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the commencement of the consultation, publish notice of same on the Commission's website and in a newspaper published and circulated in the Virgin Islands.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT:

The Commission shall commence a public consultation on the 3-Year Strategic Plan for the Telecommunications Industry (2023-2025) on 10 November 2022. In accordance with section 7(2) of the Code, responses to the public consultation shall be due 28 days from the date of publication of the consultation document. Further, the Commission may allow a longer period for responses to a public consultation where it considers this to be necessary. Accordingly, this consultation will close on 15 December 2022.

When published, the consultation document will be made available at the Reception desk of the office of the Commission located at 3rd Floor, LM Business Centre, Fish Lock Road, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Alternatively, a copy of the consultation document will be available on our website (www.trc.vg). Instructions for responding to the consultation will be included in the consultation documents.

The person responsible for this consultation is Mr. Guy L. Malone, Chief Executive Officer, and he can be contacted at gmalone@trc.vg concerning this consultation. All queries in relation to this consultation should be copied to Mr. George Lewis, Chief Operations Office, at glewis@trc.vg.

Issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission on the 27th day of October 2022.

(Sgd.) Guy L. Malone.

Chief Executive Officer