Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

Extension - Public Consultation on 5G Spectrum Strategy in the Virgin Islands

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TAKE NOTICE THAT:

The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (**Commission**) is a statutory body responsible for licensing, regulating and developing the telecommunications services industry in the British Virgin Islands (**Virgin Islands**). Among its core responsibilities are licensing telecommunications networks and services and ensuring fair and competitive practices among licensees. Additionally, the Commission is dedicated to safeguarding consumer interests and fostering sustainable growth within the telecommunications sector.

In accordance with section 6 of the Telecommunications Act, 2006 (**Act**), the Commission is entrusted with several key responsibilities. In accordance with section 6(d), it is responsible for regulating licensees and authorisation holders, as well as ensuring fair competition among all operators of telecommunications networks and service providers. Section 6(f) assigns the Commission the task of managing the radio frequency spectrum. Additionally, section 6(p) outlines the Commission's duty to monitor and protect the interests of users of telecommunications services. Finally, section 6(r) mandates the Commission to promote the systematic development of telecommunications throughout the Virgin Islands.

The Commission recognises that reliable, high-speed broadband and advancements such as Fifth Generation (**5G**) Networks are vital for innovation and development in the Virgin Islands. To support this, the Commission is assessing the potential for 5G and creating a roadmap for its implementation. A public consultation is being held to invite stakeholders to share their opinions on the proposed 5G strategy.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT:

The Commission is extending its public consultation on the Fifth Generation (5G) Spectrum Strategy. Accordingly, this consultation will now close on 12 June 2025.

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