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Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Second Consultation Paper - Arrangements for the Frequency Spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz Bands upon Expiry of the Existing Assignments for Public Mobile Telecommunications Services and the Spectrum Utilisation Fee**

The reliability, service quality and affordability of commercial mobile services are crucial to the development of Hong Kong and also towards investment and application of innovative services. As different industries are now undergoing rapid digitization and are expecting more from the evolving mobile communications bandwidth and availability. As such, companies are reliant on access to advanced mobile telecommunications services with reasonable prices in embracing Hong Kong to be a smart city.

Referring to the Second Consultation Paper published in February 2017 on the arrangements for the Frequency Spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz Bands, I have the view that:

- More spectrum should be released to keep in pace with world-wide development. Hong Kong has been one of the highest mobile subscriber concentrations in the world while fast mobile services and solutions are extremely important for consumers and for enterprises in Hong Kong. I believe the availability of additional spectrums is essential to encourage technology and innovation start-ups to leverage such platforms for advanced technology development, such as Smart City, 5G and Internet of Things (IoT).
- Spectrum charges should not be increasing. I understand that the HKSAR Government is proposing to raise the spectrum charges. In return, these charges along with the auction prices would be transferred to us as mobile service subscribers via tangible or intangible means. Paying higher mobile prices will not only increase enterprises' operating expenses but also increase the inflation of Hong Kong. This will definitely make the enterprises less competitive which in turn harming Hong Kong's economies.

Therefore, I would urge the HKSAR Government to find ways of releasing more spectrum to mobile operators and not to increase the spectrum charges.

I believe the HKSAR Government would seriously take account of the views and encourage new development of mobile services and solutions. I look forward to your positive response.

Yours sincerely,

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