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31<sup>st</sup> January 2020  
BHOMIKA DIGITAL CABLE SERVICES PVT LTD-O0296M  
36-2526-B THEKKUMTHALA BUILDING AZAD ROAD KALOOR  
Ernakulam - 682017  
Ernakulam, Ernakulam, Kerala

**Sub: Renewal of Reference Interconnection Agreement (RIO)**

**Reference (s):**

- a) The Telecommunications (Broadcasting & Cable) Services Interconnection (Addressable Systems) Regulations, 2017 ("**Regulations**"), The Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services (Eighth) (Addressable Systems) Tariff Order, 2017 and the Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Standards of Quality of Service and Consumer Protection (Addressable Systems) Regulations, 2017 (collectively "**MRP Regime**").
- b) Reference Interconnect Offer executed for availing the signals of channels of Sony Pictures Networks under the New MRP Regime effective from February 01, 2019 ("**RIO**")
- c) Our previous communication in connection with renewal of the RIO resting with our letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 ("Previous Communication").
- d) The Telecommunication (Broadcasting & Cable) Services (Eighth) (Addressable Systems) Tariff (Second Amendment) Order, 2020 and The Telecommunication (Broadcasting & Cable) Services Interconnection (Addressable Systems) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (collectively referred to as "**2020 Amendments**").
- e) Writ Petition No. 118 of 2020 titled Sony Pictures Networks India Private Limited Vs Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) filed before the Bombay High Court ("**Writ Petition**").

Dear Sir,

This has reference to the Previous Communication sent to you about renewal of the RIO executed by you for retransmitting the signals of our channels on your distribution platform under the MRP Regime.

Since the RIO is due to expire on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 ("Expiry Date"), we had vide our Previous Communication duly requested you to come forward to renew the interconnect agreement and execute the new Reference Interconnect Offer (**New RIO**), which we had filed with TRAI and uploaded on our website to be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2020.

However, as you may be aware that various broadcasters have filed writ petitions before the High Court challenging the 2020 Amendments. We have also filed the above referred Writ Petition before the Hon'ble Bombay High Court and the matter is sub judice. The Honourable Bombay High Court on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 was pleased to admit our petition and have kept the matter for hearing on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

In view of the ongoing challenges as stated aforesaid, the parties could not proceed with execution of the New RIO. The extant TRAI Regulations prohibit broadcasters from providing signals of the channels to the distribution platform post the Expiry Date without a valid interconnect agreement. In order to avoid any inconvenience and hardships to our distributors and our end consumers, we are extending the term of the RIO (which would have otherwise expired on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020) for a period of one more month i.e. upto 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. All other terms and conditions of the said RIO remain unchanged.

Without prejudice to our rights and contentions and subject to the final outcome of the aforesaid Writ Petition No. 118 of 2020 or any further challenges arising therefrom, the New RIO would now be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.

As always, we look forward to your continuous cooperation and support.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

**For Sony Pictures Networks India Private Limited**

**Authorised Signatory**

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