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By Hand & By Email

Dear Sirs

Public Consultation on 2019 UAS Projects

We refer to your letter dated 22 October and email from your Ms May Liosi of 2 November, 2018.

You may recall we wrote to you on 10 September 2018 requesting further and better particulars of the proposed UAS projects for 2019, as well an analysis supporting the proposed costs of each project which, we understand, is intended to reach the maximum 2% levy allowed to be imposed under the *National Information and Communications Technology Authority Act 2009*. Is that information available yet? If so, we should be grateful if NICTA would share it as soon as possible.

We note NICTA's remarks in its Response to Comments Report published 1 November 2018. We reiterate our respectful view that neither the Consultation Paper nor the Strategic Planning Report provided – as we think they should – any detailed information about specific UAS Projects (or their indicative costs) that are proposed by NICTA for the 2019 calendar year, such that Digicel would be afforded an opportunity to respond meaningfully.

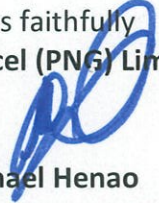
Unfortunately, in the absence of such information, we are not in a position to provide any meaningful submissions on the analysis or assumptions underlying what NICTA may be proposing for 2019.

Notwithstanding, we remain ever hopeful that Digicel and NICTA will soon reach a compromise on the issue of our UAS contributions generally, so that parties can – together – work to attain the long-term economic and social development goals of Papua New Guinea.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Yours faithfully
Digicel (PNG) Limited



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