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**Response to NICTA's Public inquiry into the potential declaration of
Domestic Mobile and Fixed Termination Access Services**

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1. INTRODUCTION

Telikom responds to NICTA's request for the public to engage in Public Consultation in accordance with Section 229 of the NICT Act in relation to the inquiry into the potential declaration of Domestic Mobile and Fixed Termination Access Services.

2. BACKGROUND

Telikom notes from the Discussion paper that this inquiry into the potential declaration of Domestic Mobile and Fixed Termination Access Services is for calls that originate within PNG only.

3. TELIKOMS RESPONSES

A. Telikom's General Position on the Inquiry

Telikom's supports this inquiry and agrees for a declaration of Domestic Mobile and Fixed Termination Access Services.

B. Telikom's Specific responses to matters in the Discussion paper

3.3 Competitive Assessment

Telikom agrees with NICTA that each network operator has a significant market power in the market for termination of services on its own network.

3.4 Consideration of the proposed wholesale service declaration

Telikom agrees with NICTA's view that declaration will promote competition by ensuring that the supply of terminating access services is not denied to access seekers or other network operators for interconnection and the prices for the supply of terminating access services are cost-based to prevent excessive pricing (as per point 3.4.3).

3.5 Preliminary Conclusions

Telikom further agrees with NICTA's preliminary conclusions below:

(a) there are separate national markets for wholesale call termination on each individual fixed and mobile network and that each network operator has a position of substantial market power in respect of the market for call termination on its own network; and

(b) the declaration of the DFTAS and DMTAS on the proposed terms set out in Annex D would satisfy the declaration criteria.

4. CONCLUSION

Telikom's re-affirms that it agrees with this inquiry for a declaration of Domestic Mobile and Fixed Termination Access Services.