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Attention: Mr Gibson Tito
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Dear Sir,

2017 UAS Levy

In response to reading the Public Consultation paper and associated reports, Tolec would like to query whether the UAS Levy is applicable to it. Following are reasons for which, we strongly believe, the UAS Levy does not apply to Tolec:-

1. Tolec does not provide ICT services. Tolec provides Digital Television within Lae city and close surrounds ONLY.
2. The UAS projects proposed do not relate to the business model of Tolec. None of the 'Voice Connectivity', 'Accelerated Mobile Phone Expansion Upgrades' or 'Connect the Schools' are relevant to the business activities of Tolec Electronics.
3. Tolec is a SME operating only in Lae city. Tolec is not a large corporation that operates nationally.
4. There is no opportunity for Tolec to participate in the rollout of any of these projects and thus no opportunity to quote on any of these projects, as such Tolec Electronics ltd should not be forced into paying a tax/levy on projects that have absolutely nothing to do with our business model.

With regards to the draft UAS Levy determination for 2017, although not relevant to Tolec, there are a number of points Tolec would comment on:-

1. The determination of fees for a specified project should be done well in advance of the project to enable companies to budget. The progress and costs of the projects must be fully disclosed to operators and stakeholders.

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