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ORDER OF THE REGULATOR NO.2022/T05

MOBILE TERMINATION RATES FOR TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS IN SAMOA (EXTENSION)

Pursuant to section 36 of the *Telecommunications Act* 2005 (“the Act”) the Regulator makes this Order to extend the period of the *Order of the Regulator No. 2020/T03*.

On 30 June 2022, the Domestic Network Interconnection Rates Agreement between Digicel Samoa Limited (“Digicel”) and Vodafone Samoa Limited (“Vodafone”) expired. In a joint statement dated 25 July 2022, Digicel and Vodafone have agreed to retain and extend the Mobile Termination Rate (“MTR”) for the next twelve (12) months commencing retrospectively from *1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023*.

In light of the above agreement between the telecommunications service providers and in accordance with section 32 (i) of the Act, the Regulator makes the following Orders:

Order:

Mobile Terminating Rate (MTR):

The rate for terminating on any telecommunication mobile network in Samoa shall be **5 sene per minute** for 12 months commencing on the *1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023*

Application of MTR:

The rate is applied over 24 hours and 7 days per week basis. The rate shall apply to calls terminating on another mobile network (off-net) only and where minutes are to be accumulated in increments of 6 seconds.

Fixed Termination Rate (FTR):

Digicel Samoa Ltd shall pay Vodafone Samoa Ltd **5 sene per minute** to terminate calls on its telecommunication fixed network. The termination rate is applied over 24 hours and 7 days per week basis.

Billing:

For inter-company billing purposes, the rate is billed ‘per minute’ and will accrue on a per 6 seconds basis.

Next Interconnection submission:

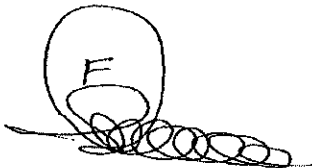
Telecommunication network service providers are required to file new interconnection rates (complete submissions) 4 weeks before the expiry of the MTR determined for the Regulator's review and approval.

Duration of the Order:

This Order becomes effective on **1st July 2022** and shall expire on the earlier of:

- (a) The end of the scheduled period commencing from the date of effect;
- (b) The Regulator revoking this Order before the end of the specified period; or
- (c) The making of a new Order by the Regulator in accordance with section 36 of the Act varying, extending, or cancelling this Order.

Date of Order: 03rd August 2022

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Lematua Gisa Fuatai Purcell
REGULATOR