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**Order of the Regulator – Number 2008/1  
Approval of Retail Rates for SamoaTel's Fixed to Mobile Calls**

This Order sets out approved revised retail rates for services between:

- (a) SamoaTel's fixed line network and SamoaTel's mobile network (**GoMobile**); and
- (b) SamoaTel's fixed line network and the Digicel mobile network.

In accordance with section 40(1) of the *Telecommunications Act 2005 (Act)*, SamoaTel has sought approval from the Regulator of varied tariffs for fixed to mobile calls. The rates in this order have been approved by the Regulator in consideration of:

- (a) SamoaTel's request;
- (b) the stay on the operation of the Order of the Regulator – Number 2007/4, Fixed and Mobile Interconnection Terminating Rates (**Final Order**), and the current proceedings in Samoa's Supreme Court; and
- (c) the provisions of the Act regarding tariffs, in particular section 40(3) requiring that the tariffs are based on the cost of efficient service provision and shall not contain excessive charges.

SamoaTel's retail peak rates for fixed to mobile calls

SamoaTel is permitted to charge the following maximum retail amounts for each minute of peak hour traffic:

- **Forty two (42)** sene per minute for peak hour calls from SamoaTel to GoMobile. and
- **Seventy seven (77)** sene per minute for peak hour calls from SamoaTel to Digicel;

where the above rates include VAGST; minutes are to be accumulated in increments of not more than 6 seconds; and the peak hours are considered to be from 7 AM to 7 PM daily.

Duration of order

This Order becomes effective on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2008.

The rates set out in this Order are intended to be in effect only for the time required for the current proceedings in Samoa's Supreme Court regarding the Final Order to be determined. The Regulator expects that revised tariffs will be submitted by SamoaTel to the Regulator as soon as practicable after the proceedings concerning the Final Order are finalised.

This order will expire on the earlier of:

- (a) the Regulator revoking this Order; or
- (b) the making of a new Order by the Regulator for SamoaTel's retail rates for fixed to mobile calls.

Ongoing monitoring of retail fixed to mobile tariffs

Consistent with the Regulator's functions and duties under section 25 and section 40 of the Act, the Regulator will continue to monitor retail fixed to mobile tariffs.



John Morgan  
Regulator

15 February 2008