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ORDER OF THE REGULATOR No.2019/T67

DIGITAL TRANSITION TELEVISION PROJECT– PROVISION OF BROADCASTER'S LINKS

- 1. On 25 March and 5 April 2019 the Regulator directed by way of official letters to all broadcasting service provider(s) ("Broadcaster(s)") to provide their links of raw signals to the Digital Transition Television Project ("Project") headend at Vaitele by 9 April 2019.
- 2. However by the due date, no broadcaster provided the needed links but instead broadcasters or their representatives in lieu responded after being followed up by the Office of the Regulator ("OOTR"), that that they will submit by the end of the week commencing Monday 6 May 2019.
- 3. To date no broadcaster has connected the required links; and it is affecting the progress of the Project as Phase 1 is expected to be in operational by next month; therefore in the best interest of the Project as there was a lot of input, work and investment in the assurance that the Project was successful so that Samoa can be up to date with the current developments of the World, the Regulator has seen it fit to make the following order pursuant to the Broadcasting Act 2010 ("the Act").

ORDER:

- 4. All Broadcasters must provide a link of raw signal to the headend currently located at Vaitele for testing purposes.
- 5. Connection of Links to the headend must be completed before **Friday 17 May 2019** (4.00pm); the OOTR will inspect compliance soon after.
- 6. Failure to comply with this Order shall result in the OOTR taking appropriate legal action by way of prosecution for non-compliance to the law and/or the revocation of broadcasters licence in accordance with sections 27 and 66 of the Act.

Lefaoali'i Unutoa Auelua-Fonoti

REGULATOR

Dated this 15th May 2019 (also the Effective Date of the Order)