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## Annex A

### DEFINITIONS

In this Interconnection Agreement, unless inconsistent with the context, the following words and expressions have the meanings below:

**“ACM”**: Address Complete Message.

**“ADM”**: Add-drop Multiplexor.

**“ANM”**: Answer Message.

**“Answer Signal”**: the signal required by the Call-originating Network to indicate connection to the called Party.

**“Associated Company”**: a subsidiary or a holding company of either Party, the terms “subsidiary” and “holding” company having the meanings ascribed thereto by the Companies Act, Cap 386 of the Laws of Malta.

**“Authority” and “Competent Authority”**: the Malta Communications Authority established under the Malta Communications Authority Act.

**“Billing Information”**: that information which must be provided by the Billing Party in support of invoices issued under this Interconnection Agreement, as stipulated in Annex B to enable the billed Party to validate an invoice and ascertain the charges payable by it to the other Party.

**“Billing Party”**: the Party who is issuing any particular invoice.

**“Billing Period”**: the agreed intervals at which billing takes place under this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Billing Processes”**: the process of compiling Billing Information, including the issue of an invoice.

**“Billing System”**: the system used for the compilation of the Billing Information.

**“Call”**: An association between two or more persons, or between a person and a network entity, that is established by use of network capabilities.



**“Call Attempt”**: A sequence of operations made by a customer of an electronic communications network to connect to another party or obtain a service. See ITU-T Rec. Q.9.

**“CLI”**: Calling Line Identification as defined by the ITU-T.

**“CLIP”**: Calling Line Identification Presentation.

**“CLIR”**: Calling Line Identification Restriction.

**“Commencement Date of Charging”**: the date on which charging for an Interconnection Path commences, as laid down by Clause 4 of Service Schedule 1 in Annex C of this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Connection”**: An association of transmission channels or circuits, switching or other functional units set up to provide a means of transfer of information between terminals in an electronic communications network. See ITU-T Rec. Q.9.

**“Communication”**: An association of resources providing means for communication between two or more devices in, or attached to, an electronic communications network. See ITU-T Rec. E.600.

**“CON”**: Connect Message.

**“Confidential Information”**: has the meaning assigned to it in Annex F of this Interconnection Agreement.

**“CPC”**: Calling Party Category.

**“Delivery Date”**: The date from when the billing shall commence.

**“Disclosing Party”**: a Party disclosing information covered by this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Dispute”**: any disagreement between the Parties in connection with this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Due Date”**: a date that is thirty (30) days after the date of issue of an invoice.

**“ECRA”**: the Electronic Communications (Regulation) Act 2004 as subsequently amended, and any regulations made thereunder.



**“Forecast”**: this represents the forecasted number of 2Mb/s over the specified Interconnection Link in line with the forecasting process detailed in Annex E of this Interconnection Agreement and in the Operations and Maintenance Manual.

**“IAM”**: Initial Address Message.

**“Intellectual Property”**: any patent, copyright, design, trade name, trademark, service mark or other intellectual property right (whether registered or not) including without limitation ideas, concepts, know-how, techniques, designs, specifications, drawings, blueprints, tracings, diagrams, models and other information relating to any such intellectual property.

**“Interconnection”**: the physical and logical linking of the GO and the Operator Networks for the conveyance of the electronic communications traffic, as outlined in Annex C of this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Interconnection Agreement”**: the agreement between GO and the Operator for the purposes of Interconnection, which consists of the Main Body of this Interconnection Agreement, all the Annexes thereto with their respective Schedules and/or Appendices, the Technical Manual, the Operations and Maintenance Manual and the GO RIO Price List.

**“Interconnection Link”**: the physical connection between a GO Interconnection Node and an Operator Interconnection Node.

**“Interconnection Network”**: the combination of all the Interconnection Links between the two Parties, which represents the totality of the connection of the two Networks.

**“Interconnection Path”**: a single bi-directional 2 Mbit/s circuit between a GO Interconnection Node and an Operator Interconnection Node.

**“Interconnection Service(s)”**: any one or more of the Interconnection services detailed in Annex C of this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Interconnection Traffic”**: electronic communications traffic conveyed between the Parties by way of Interconnection.

**“Interconnection Usage Report”**: a report providing the Billing Information attached to each Interconnection Traffic invoice.

**“Interest Rate”**: eight per cent (8%) per annum of the amount in default.

**“ISDN”**: the Integrated Services Digital Network.



**“ISUP Test”**: ISDN User Part Test.

**“MCA”**: Malta Communications Authority.

**“MSU”**: Message Signalling Unit.

**“GO Call Origination Calls”**: Calls originating from geographic number ranges within the GO Network where the caller dials a carrier select code before dialling the called party number or where the caller is subscribed to a carrier pre-select service.

**“GO Interconnection Node”**: the GO switching centre from which Interconnection Services are offered, as stipulated in Annex E of this Interconnection Agreement.

**“GO International Access”**: Calls handed over from the Operator Network for termination outside Malta or Calls handed over from a network outside Malta for termination on the Operator Network routed via the GO Network, as further defined in Annex C of this Interconnection Agreement.

**“GO National Termination”**: Calls handed over from the Operator Network for termination on geographic number ranges in the GO Network, or Calls handed over from the GO Network for termination on the Operator Network, as further defined in Annex C of this Interconnection Agreement.

**“GO Network”**: the electronic communications system operated by GO to provide electronic communications services.

**“GO RIO Price List”**: sets out the prices applicable for access to the GO Interconnection Services.

**“GO Secondary Interconnection Node”**: a GO secondary (tandem) switching centre from which Interconnection Services are offered, as further detailed in Annex E of this Interconnection Agreement.

**“GO Tertiary Interconnection Node”**: a GO tertiary (International gateway) switching centre from which Interconnection Services are offered, as further detailed in Annex E of this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Mass Calling Events”**: events where abnormally large traffic flows and is directed at a specific number or group of numbers over a relatively short time period. Such events are typically caused by phone-in contests or offers.

**“MTP”**: Message Transfer Part.



**“National Numbering Plan”**: the national numbering plan as approved and administered by the MCA according to law.

**“Network”**: the GO Network or the Operator Network, as the case may be.

**“Network Alteration”**: a physical change within one Party’s Network, plant, apparatus or equipment otherwise used in connection with that Network, which is necessary in order to ensure continued efficient operation of the Interconnection, in accordance with Clause 11 of the Main Body of this Interconnection Agreement. Network Alteration includes planned maintenance but excludes Re-arrangement of Interconnection Paths made at the request of the Operator.

**“Network Plan”**: has the meaning assigned to it in Clause 10 of the Main Body of this Interconnection Agreement, as further described in detail in Annex E of this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Numbering”**: the access number ranges as applicable to the respective Interconnection Service.

**“Operations and Maintenance Forum”**: the forum set up under the Operations and Maintenance Manual, which forum is responsible for the overall monitoring of the operations and maintenance process under this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Operator”**: the Party entering into this Interconnection Agreement with GO, being an operator of public fixed electronic communications systems and services or public mobile electronic communications systems and services or fixed wireless electronic communications systems and services licensed under the TRA.

**“Operator Interconnection Node”**: the Operator switching centre from which Interconnection Services are offered.

**“Operator Network”**: the total infrastructure operated by the Operator to provide electronic communications services.

**“Operator Number Range”**: any number range, either geographic or non-geographic, in accordance with the National Numbering Plan.

**“Party”**: GO or the Operator, as the case may be.

**“Parties”**: both GO and the Operator.

**“Point of Interconnection” or “POI”**: the point at which the GO Network connects with the Operator Network on each Interconnection Path.



**“PSTN”**: the Public Switched Telephone Network.

**“QoS”**: Quality of Service.

**“Re-arrangement of Interconnection Paths”**: a change in address of at least one of the end points of an Interconnection Path.

**“Ready for Service date”**: the point in time when bilateral testing has been successfully completed and the Interconnection Path is available to carry live traffic.

**“Ready for Test date”**: the point in time when the Party from whom Interconnection has been ordered has completed all unilateral activities and is ready to commence bilateral testing.

**“Receiving Party”**: a Party who receives any information from the other Party in relation to this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Reference Interconnection Offer” or “RIO”**: the present offer for Interconnection being made by GO.

**“Review Notice”**: a written notice requesting a review of this Interconnection Agreement and which sets out in reasonable detail the issues to be discussed by the Parties in terms of Clause 21 of the Main Body of this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Requested Party”**: the Party who has been requested by the other Party to carry out some activity in relation to this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Requesting Party”**: the Party who is requesting the other Party to carry out some activity in relation to this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Routing Plan”**: the traffic routing principles and number plans as defined in Annex E of this Interconnection Agreement and as further detailed in the Operations and Maintenance Manual.

**“SDH”**: Synchronous Digital Hierarchy.

**“Service Schedules”**: the schedules attached at Annex C of this Interconnection Agreement, which describe the Interconnection Services and the basis on which they are conveyed on the Interconnection.



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**“Signalling”**: the signalling and related routing arrangements as defined in Annex E of this Interconnection Agreement and as further detailed in the Technical Manual.

**“SIO”**: Service information octet.

**“SS7”**: Signalling System No. 7.

**“STP”**: Signalling Transfer Point.

**“Third Party”**: any party other than the Parties to this Interconnection Agreement.

**“Working Day”**: 07:00 to 15:30 Monday to Friday, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.