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To

The Secretary

Department of Telecommunications
Ministry of Communications
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi-110001

Subject: Recommendation on "Licensing Framework and Regulatory Mechanism for Submarine Cable Landing in India"-regarding

The Department of Telecommunication (DoT) vide its letter No. 10-54/2010-CS-III (Pt.) dated 12th August 2022 has sought the recommendations of TRAI on "Licensing Framework and Regulatory Mechanism for Submarine Cable Landing in India" with the existing UL-ILD/ Standalone ILD License under section 11(1)(a) of TRAI Act, 1997.

2. The Authority, *suo-moto*, identified certain other issues related to submarine cables such as (i) Indian Flagged vessel for submarine cable operation and maintenance (ii) Domestic submarine cable between two or more cities on the coastline of India (iii) Stub-cables – new concept of placing pre-laid "dark fiber" from the Cable Landing Station(CLS) through Beach Manhole (BMH) into the territorial waters for upcoming new cables (iv) Terrestrial connectivity between different located Cable Landing Stations.

3. Pursuant to the above reference and certain other issues as mentioned above, TRAI issued a consultation paper on 'on "Licensing Framework and Regulatory Mechanism for Submarine Cable Landing in India" on 23rd December 2022 for seeking comments and counter-comments from the stakeholders. Subsequently, an Open House Discussion was also held on 19th April 2023 through video conference.

4. Based on the comments received and its own analysis, the Authority has finalized its recommendations on "Licensing Framework and Regulatory Mechanism for Submarine Cable Landing in India". The same is enclosed herewith.

5. In keeping with practice, a copy of the Recommendations on "Licensing Framework and Regulatory Mechanism for Submarine Cable Landing in India" along with this letter is being placed on TRAI website www.trai.gov.in

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