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Information & Communications Technology Authority

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All Telephony Licensees

Dear Licensee,

### **Deep Packet Inspection and Similar Technologies**

As you are no doubt aware, Deep Packet Inspection (DPI) and similar technologies are highly controversial and are currently the subject of regulatory investigation in, for example, the EU and Canada.

Use of DPI and similar technologies for public network traffic raises a number of significant public policy issues and, in the Cayman Islands, arguably breaches the provisions of section 75 (prohibition on the interception of messages) of the ICTA Law.

To allow all stakeholders to make input on the topic, the Authority has determined that it will hold a public proceeding on Deep Packet Inspection and similar technologies, following which it will make a decision on the acceptability of their use in the Cayman Islands. The proceeding will be launched during July 2009 .

Until the Authority has made its decision, licensees are directed not to install or implement DPI or similar technologies on a public network.

Yours sincerely,

{Signed}

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