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International Cable Landing Station (ICLS) Service Regulations

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Article One: Introduction

International Cable Landing Station ("ICLS") is the construction or operation of an international submarine or over-land cable landing in Saudi Arabia, including its associated works or facilities, that extends between any location in Saudi Arabia and any location outside Saudi Arabia, and is connected or intended to be connected to telecommunications facilities in Saudi Arabia

Article Two: Definitions

The terms and expressions defined in the Telecommunications Act, the Ordinance and the Bylaw shall have the same meanings when used in this Regulations. In addition, in this Guideline the following terms have the following meanings:

"**Unified License**" means an individual license permitting a duly authorized service provider to provide any telecommunications services using any type of telecommunications infrastructure and technology capable of delivering the desired service

"**Wholesale License**" means an individual license permitting the service provider to build, own and operate a public telecommunication network for the provision of public telecommunication services only to other licensed operators as per the terms of this license

"**General Class License**" means a class license permitting the service provider to provide any telecommunications services authorized under that license.

"**ICLS Service Provider**" means a General Class Licensed Service Provider with a Service Authorization to provide International Cable Landing Services or a Unified Licensed Service Provider (USP) who intends to offer International Cable Landing Services. All ICLS Service Providers are obliged to adhere to the terms and conditions of this Service Regulation

Capacity means the capacity of the international cable landing in the station, or capacity of the link leased to other service providers.

Article Three: Compliance with Rules & Regulations:

3.1 The ICLS Service Provider must abide by CITC statues including this Regulation, the Telecommunication Act & its implementing Bylaw, CITC Ordinance, regulatory frameworks, resolutions & procedures relating to approval of communication equipment and information technology.

3.2 The ICLS Service Provider shall submit periodical reports to CITC and provide any information that CITC requires in association with their services. CITC will determine those reports and the nature of the required information & documentation and date of submission.

3.3 The ICLS Service Provider reports shall contain the following:

3.3.1 The types of facilities and services provided (for example, a lease of link capacity in the cable, collocation of ICLS Service Provider's equipment in the cable station);

3.3.2 For provisioned facilities and services, the volume or quantity provisioned, and the time interval between order and delivery; and

3.3.3 Resilience reports such as the number of outages and intervals between fault report and facility or service restoration;

3.3.4 Utilization reports such as total availability capacity of the station, non-activated capacity, capacity utilized, capacity leased to 3rd parties, future planned capacity, etc

3.4 The ICLS Service Provider is obliged to offer passive services such as co-location (that may include building space, power, cooling/ heating services, security and site maintenance)

3.5 ICLS can be set up by only by Unified License Service Providers and General Class License Service providers

3.6 ICLS services can be sold by the above service providers to other service providers as per the terms and conditions specified for ICLS Service Providers in the License Classification Regulation

3.7 The Service Provider shall adhere to the General Conditions and all other relevant License Conditions specified in the License Classification Regulation

Article Four: Scope of Services:

4.1 The location of the cable system within the territorial waters of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia shall be in conformity with plans approved by the relevant government agencies. The cable shall be moved or shifted by the ICLS Service Provider at its expense upon request of relevant government agencies, whenever they consider such course necessary in the public interest, for reasons of national defense, or for the maintenance and improvement of harbors for navigational purposes

4.2 ICLS should have prior written permission from CITC and any other government agency determined by CITC, before operationalizing the ICLS. The ICLS Service Provider shall notify CITC no later than ninety (90) days prior to commencing construction of the ICLS.

4.3 The ICLS Service Provider shall at all times comply with any requirements of KSA government authorities regarding the location and concealment of the cable facilities, buildings, and apparatus for the purpose of protecting and safeguarding the cables from injury or destruction by enemies of the KSA;

4.4 ICLS should be in compliance with Cybersecurity requirements.

4.5 The ICLS Service Provider will provide details of all the entities connected to the ICLS Station. Any addition shall be with the prior written permission of the CITC.

4.6 Any change or addition in the network topology of the ICLS shall be done only with the prior written permission of the CITC.

4.7 Any change or addition in the type of services offered shall be with the prior written permission of the CITC.

4.8 Any agreement between the ICLS Service Provider and other service provider shall not include exclusivity or advantages for that service provider stopping or preventing the other operators from accessing the submarine cable.

Article Five: Service Authorization duration:

The The Service Provider can offer this service as long as it has a valid General Class License and a valid Service Authorization to offer this service.
A Service Authorization for this service is typically issued for a duration of 25 years

Article Six: Quality of Service (QoS) and Terms of Service (ToS):

The Service Provider shall comply with CITC QoS and ToS obligations issued from time to time, including the resolutions relating to quality of service and terms & conditions where technically feasible.

Article Seven: Fees Payable by the Service Provider:

The Service Provider shall pay CITC the fees specified in 'Regulatory Framework on Fees' published by CITC on its website.

Appendix (1) Service Authorization for International Cable Landing Station Services

The Service Authorization for International Cable Landing Station Service will be as per 'Appendix E: Draft Service Authorization Annexure' in the 'License Classification Regulations'