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PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION ISSUED TO CBL FOR CONTRAVENTION OF INTERIM ORDER

Pursuant to section 99 of the Communications Act, 2009 (Comms Act), the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) issued a Preliminary Determination on 26 May 2015 to Cable Bahamas Limited and its subsidiary undertakings, (CBL), regarding an apparent contravention of an Interim Order issued by URCA to CBL.

The Public will recall that on 17 April 2015, URCA issued the said Interim Order to CBL ordering CBL to immediately cease and desist from erecting or completing any electronic communications towers anywhere in The Bahamas, pending URCA's conduct of a full investigation into the matter.

During the course of URCA's investigations on 18th, 19th and 20th May 2015, URCA became aware that employees or agents of CBL appeared to be continuing works on four (4) electronic communications tower sites in New Providence, in contravention of the said Interim Order. URCA's Preliminary Determination, issued in relation to those apparent contraventions, affords CBL until 26 June 2015 to make representations or objections to URCA's preliminary findings, which URCA will consider prior to making its Final Determination, if any. In accordance with section 100 of the Comms Act, URCA has also advised CBL that if it makes a Final Determination in this matter it will also issue an Order, the proposed form of which has been appended to the Preliminary Determination.

The public is reminded that URCA has a responsibility to regulate the electronic communications sector in a manner which furthers the electronic communications sector policy objectives as set out in the Comms Act, which objectives include limiting public nuisance through electronic communications and limiting any adverse impact of electronic communications networks and carriage services on the environment.

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