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The Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA), pursuant to section 96 of the Communications Act, 2009 (Comms Act), issued an Interim Order to Cable Bahamas Limited (CBL) and its subsidiary undertakings (SRG), regarding the construction of electronic communications tower structures in The Bahamas.

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.

In that regard, URCA has noted that CBL has been engaged in obtaining approvals for the construction of electronic communications towers and/or the actual construction of electronic communications tower structures in New Providence and Grand Bahama, without having justified to URCA the necessity of such towers, despite enquiries made and concerns expressed by URCA in that regard.

Therefore, by an Interim Order issued by URCA on 17 April 2015, CBL has been ordered 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. Upon completion of its investigation, URCA will either reinforce, change or revoke the Interim Order. Unless extended by URCA, the order will remain in effect for a period not exceeding three months from the date of its issuance, or until such time as URCA has completed its investigation.

Should CBL fail to comply with the Interim Order, URCA may take enforcement action under Part XVII of the Comms Act.

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