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Ms Debbie Yau
Clerk to Subcommittee
Legislative Council
8 Jackson Road
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By Fax 2121 0420 and Post

Dear Ms Yau,

Re: Subcommittee on Telecommunications (Designation of Frequency Bands subject to Payment of Spectrum Utilization Fee) (Amendment) Order 2004 (L.N. 208), Telecommunications (Method for Determining Spectrum Utilization Fees) (Third Generation Mobile Services) (Amendment) Regulation 2004 (L.N. 209) and Telecommunications (Level of Spectrum Utilization Fees) (Second Generation Mobile Services) Regulation (L.N. 210) – Invitation for submissions

Thank you for your letter of 22 December 2004 inviting us to provide written views on the captioned subsidiary legislation.

SmarTone generally welcomes the results of the consultation on the 2G licensing arrangements as announced by OFTA in November 2004. We are in support of the proposed legislation, in which the spectrum utilization fee (SUF) applicable to 2G licensees is broadly consistent with the SUF for 3G licensees and will encourage the efficient use of spectrum. We therefore have no particular comment on the proposed legislation and will not attend the Subcommittee's meeting on 12 January 2005.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
SmarTone Mobile Communications Limited

Patrick Chan
Executive Director