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Miss Erin Tsang
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Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
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Dear Miss Tsang,

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting Special meeting to be held on 11 January 2007

Further discussion on issues relating to change in shareholding in PCCW Limited and cross-media ownership

Thank you for your letter of 11 December 2006 inviting the Chairman and members of the Broadcasting Authority (BA) to attend the above meeting. I reply on behalf of the BA.

As noted in the press release dated 5 January 2007 issued by the BA (attached), the BA has pursuant to section 10(1) of Schedule 1 to the Broadcasting Ordinance (BO) (Cap. 562) required PCCW Media Limited (PCCW Media) and other relevant parties to give information as to the voting controllers of PCCW Media.

Ordinarily, the BA would be delighted to accept the invitation to attend the meeting. However, in view of the requirement to give information described above, the BA would prefer not to participate in public discussion on the issues at this stage in its deliberations. Therefore, I regret to inform you that the BA will not attend the meeting.

Finally, in respect of the list of questions of concerns raised by members of the panel at the meeting held on 23 November 2006, the BA has in Appendix A responded to the questions directed to it.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Lorna Wong)

Commissioner

Television and Entertainment Licensing

for and on behalf of the Broadcasting Authority

c.c. Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology (Attn: Mr Kevin Choi)

Press Release

PCCW Media required to provide information on voting controllers

The following is issued on behalf of the Broadcasting Authority:

The Broadcasting Authority today (January 5) announced that pursuant to section 10(1) of Schedule 1 to the Broadcasting Ordinance, it had required PCCW Media Limited, holder of a domestic pay television programme service licence, and other relevant parties to provide information as to the voting controllers of PCCW Media.

Following the vote by the minority shareholders of Pacific Century Regional Developments Limited (PCRD) on November 30, 2006, against the proposed sale of approximately 23% of shares in PCCW Limited by PCRD to Fiorlatte Limited and Mr Francis Leung Pak-to, the authority has been pursuing enquiries with PCCW Media in relation to Mr Richard Li Tzar-kai's involvement in PCCW Media, through the holding company PCCW Limited, and a local newspaper.

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APPENDIX A

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

Issues relating to change in shareholding in PCCW Limited and cross-media ownership

Response by the Broadcasting Authority to a list of questions of concerns raised by members at the special meeting held on 23 November 2006

(in the same order of the questions)

(a) As noted in the press release dated 5 January 2007 issued by the Broadcasting Authority (BA), the BA has pursuant to section 10(1) of Schedule 1 to the Broadcasting Ordinance (BO) (Cap. 562) required PCCW Media Limited (PCCW Media) and other relevant parties to give information as to the voting controllers of PCCW Media.

In view of such requirement to give information, the BA would prefer not to participate in public discussion on the issues at this stage in its deliberations.

- (b) Same as (a) above.
- (c)-(h) These questions are directed to the Administration and the Telecommunications Authority.