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By Fax No. : 2978-7569

Ms Yue Tin-po
Clerk to Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting
Legislative Council, Legislative Council Complex,
1 Legislative Council Road,
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms. Yue,

Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting
Meeting on 11 June 2012

I refer to your letter dated 1 June 2012 inviting TVB to participate in the Legislative Council panel discussion on "Applications for domestic free television programme service license" on 11 June 2012 (the **Panel Discussion**).

TVB's lawyers are in correspondence with the Chief Executive in Council and the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (the **CEDB**) regarding issues arising from the recommendations made by the former Broadcasting Authority (**BA**) in respect on the three applications for new free domestic television licences (the **Recommendations**). Given that these communications concern material and matters that currently remain strictly private and confidential and which are not in the public domain, TVB has been advised by its lawyers that it would be inappropriate to participate in the Panel Discussion at this juncture.

TVB, through its lawyers, have asked CEDB to waive confidentiality over such material and in particular a consultant's report which is highly germane and indeed central to the Recommendations. Pending CEDB's reply and the finalization of TVB's further submissions on these matters, TVB have been advised by its lawyers not to comment publicly as this could prejudice its position. In the circumstances, it would be premature for TVB to accept your kind invitation and take part in the Panel Discussion.

Yours sincerely

Mark Lee