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25 April 2017

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Chairman, Panel on Information Technology
and Broadcasting,
Legislative Council
Room 606, Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear *Chairman*,

**Application by
TVB Network Vision Limited
for Termination of Domestic Pay Television Programme
Service Licence**

On 21 August 2012, the Chief Executive in Council renewed the domestic pay television programme service licence (the Licence) of TVB Network Vision Limited (TVBNV) for 12 years, with a validity period of 12 years from 23 February 2013 to 22 February 2025. On 10 January 2017, TVBNV wrote to the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, stating that TVBNV was seeking the approval of the Chief Executive in Council for termination of the Licence.

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I write to inform you that, at the meeting of the Executive Council on 25 April 2017, the Council advised and the Chief Executive ordered that the termination of the Licence should be approved with effect from 1 June 2017. I enclose at Annex a bilingual copy of the relevant Legislative Council brief and press release for your reference. Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susie Ho". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

(Miss Susie HO)
Permanent Secretary
for Commerce and Economic Development
(Communications and Creative Industries)

Encl.

c.c. Clerk to Panel, Panel on Information Technology and
Broadcasting
Chairman, Communications Authority

Chief Executive in Council approves termination of TVBNV's pay TV licence

The Government announced today (April 25) that the Chief Executive (CE) in Council has approved the termination of the domestic pay television programme service (pay TV) licence of TVB Network Vision Limited (TVBNV) with effect from June 1, 2017.

Upon the CE in Council's decision, TVBNV's pay TV licence has been amended to end on May 31, 2017.

A spokesman for the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau said, "TVBNV wrote to the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on January 10, 2017 to seek the approval of the CE in Council for the surrender of its pay TV licence. In accordance with established practice, the Communications Authority (CA) has examined the obligations and liabilities accrued by TVBNV under the licence.

"Apart from the licence fee to be paid for the 2017/2018 licence year, the CA considered that there are no outstanding obligations and liabilities accrued under the licence, and the company has put in place satisfactory exit/migration arrangements for subscribers after the termination of its pay TV licence. The CE in Council therefore approved the termination of TVBNV's pay TV licence. The CA will follow up with TVBNV regarding the said licence fee in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements."

The pay TV licence of TVBNV was renewed by the CE in Council on August 21, 2012 with a period of validity of 12 years from February 23, 2013 to February 22, 2025.

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