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UPDATES FROM THE MALAYSIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MULTIMEDIA COMMISSION (MCMC) ON THE HACKING OF GOVERNMENT WEBSITES BY UNKNOWN HACKERS

Cyberjaya – Further to the statement that was made by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) this morning on the issue of the hacking of Government websites by unknown hackers, MCMC is able to confirm that most of the attacks were Distributed Denial of Service (DDOS) attacks which made it difficult for Internet users to access the websites.

In total, MCMC’s Network Security Centre detected service outages to 91 websites, 51 of which are Government-related websites. Out of the 91 websites, 76 have been recovered, so far with work continuing to achieve speedy recovery as soon as possible. Typically, if a website has been hacked, website administrators would have to evaluate the damage caused by the attack and then proceed to restore access to the website. In most cases, strengthening of the security measures will also be part of the process.

As of 4.00pm this afternoon, most Government-related websites are accessible to the public and have either not been affected by the service outages or have recovered from the attacks.

The MCMC would like to advise the public to exercise due caution as they would whenever making a transaction over the Internet.

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The primary role of MCMC is to implement and promote the Government’s national policy objectives for the communications and multimedia sector. MCMC is also charged with overseeing the new regulatory framework for the converging industries of telecommunications, broadcasting and on-line activities, in accordance with the national policy objectives set out in the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (CMA), as well as postal services and digital certifications. The CMA provides that MCMC undertakes a policy implementation role, while policy decision-making is vested with the Minister. The Minister may also give policy directions to the Commission.

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