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MENTERI KOMUNIKASI DAN MULTIMEDIA MALAYSIA  
*MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MULTIMEDIA MALAYSIA*

**COMMUNICATIONS AND MULTIMEDIA ACT 1998**

**MINISTERIAL DIRECTION ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF 5G INFRASTRUCTURE AND NETWORK**

**DIRECTION No. 3 of 2021**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 [Act 588] ("Act"), the Minister issues the following Direction to the Commission:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Direction may be cited as the **Ministerial Direction on the Deployment of 5G Infrastructure and Network, Direction No. 3 of 2021** and shall come into operation on the date of registration of this Direction.

**Interpretation**

2. Any term used in this Direction shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning as in the Act or subsidiary legislations made under it.

**Deployment of 5G Infrastructure and Network**

3. The Government of Malaysia has decided to accelerate the deployment of 5G infrastructure and network in Malaysia to realise the potential of 5G in creating new economic opportunities and innovation for Malaysia. In driving this, it is still important to continue efforts to bridge the digital divide and improve the current state of connectivity. The Government of Malaysia is also cognisant of the need to avoid duplication of infrastructure, optimise the use of scarce resources such as spectrum and promote service-based competition within the communications industry.

4. Based on the above, and pursuant to the announcement by YAB Prime Minister of Malaysia on 19 February 2021, the Government of Malaysia has decided to appoint **Digital Nasional Berhad (formerly known as Digital Nasional Sdn. Bhd.) (Company Registration No.: 201701005338)**, which is wholly-owned by the Minister of Finance (Incorporated), to be the single neutral party to undertake the deployment of 5G infrastructure and network nationwide, and to provide wholesale 5G services.

5. Subject to the provisions of the Act and the relevant subsidiary legislations, the Commission is therefore directed to take the necessary steps to implement this decision.

6. The Minister may at any time modify, vary or revoke this Direction.

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