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## **MCMC CONSULTS INDUSTRY ON NEW WHOLESALE PRICES TO ENHANCE COMPETITION**

Cyberjaya, 01 October 2012 – Telecommunication service providers (telcos) may soon have to review their wholesale prices for those facilities and services that are currently regulated by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC).

This price review is a result of MCMC's detailed study on telcos' cost of providing telecommunications services, and is an important effort to create a level playing field amongst service providers in the industry.

"We believe that this review is timely as it is expected to lower prices for consumers in the long term and contribute towards higher broadband penetration in Malaysia," said MCMC Chairman Dato' Mohamed Sharil Tarmizi.

A public inquiry paper titled *Review of Access Pricing* which outlines MCMC's preliminary findings has been released. It sets out the regulatory principles adopted by MCMC, the proposed wholesale prices and MCMC's preliminary views on whether to regulate those prices.

"Throughout the course of the study, MCMC had adopted a transparent approach and had interacted with service providers to ensure that the prices proposed are fair.

"By the end of this year, we will make a final decision on which facilities and services to regulate, and their final prices after careful consideration of all feedback from this inquiry," he added.

Members of the public may participate in this public inquiry by making written submissions on specific matters described in the public inquiry paper. The documents can be downloaded from MCMC's website at <http://www.skmm.gov.my>.

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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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