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MCMC AIMS TO INCREASE NATIONAL POPULATION COVERAGE RATE TO 97% WITH 336 NEW TOWERS

Cyberjaya – November 21, 2011 – The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) invited tenders for the construction and commissioning of 336 communication towers nationwide for both cellular and 3G broadband services earlier this week.

When completed, the towers will extend Malaysia's already extensive mobile cellular and data coverage to interior areas of the country. The target for completion is in Quarter 4, 2012.

The total value of the tenders is RM500 million and the areas up for bids are located in Johor (18 sites), Kedah (40 sites), Kelantan (30 sites), Pahang (69 sites), Perak (41 sites), Selangor (12 sites), Terengganu (24 sites), Sabah (75 sites) and Sarawak (27 sites). Further details and the exact locations of the sites are available in MCMC's website: www.skmm.gov.my.

These locations are particularly challenging since they are almost entirely in remote regions where the terrain is demanding and population density relatively thin.

MCMC is calling for all eligible licensees who are qualified to participate in the bidding to see this as an opportunity to assist in nation building. The commissioning of these towers is critical to reaching the nation's goal of 97% mobile cellular population coverage rate target by the year 2012.



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Since 2008, a total of 344 towers have been built and are 'on air' or in commission so far using the Universal Service Provision Fund.

A briefing session for eligible licensees will be conducted at 10.00am on 22 November 2011 and the closing date for submission of tenders will be at noon, 20 December 2011.

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Notes to Editor:

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About Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)

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.

For more information visit <http://www.skmm.gov.my>

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