



National Telecommunications Commission

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The General Manager
Comium (SL) Limited
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Ref: NTC/DG/Com/2014/004

10th October, 2014

Dear Sir,

**RE: SUSPENSION OF LICENCE AND OF THE UTILIZATION OF
THE RESOURCES ASSIGNED TO COMIUM (SL) LIMITED FOR THE
PROVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
EFFECTIVE 13TH OCTOBER, 2014.**

We write in respect of the above regulatory matter and to refer to the 21 day notice of suspension dated 10th September 2013. I wish to further refer you to the Commission's Public Notice dated 4th October, 2014 and series of other correspondences relating to the moratorium which became effective on 23rd January, 2014 and expired on the 17th of August, 2014 after successive renewals.

In the absence of any credible resolution to your ongoing financial crisis and pursuant to the provisions of Section 30 (1) (a) and (f) of the Telecommunications Act 2006 (as amended) and pursuant also to the notice of suspension dated 10th September 2013, the Commission is left with no other alternative but to suspend the Licence (including ISP and WiMAX) granted to Comium (SL) Limited. The Commission also hereby suspends the use of the following Spectrum Frequencies assigned to your company:-

- **5MHz allocation on the GSM 900 MHz Frequency band: 890.2 - 894.8 uplink
935.2 – 937.8 downlink**
- **12MHz allocation on the GSM 1800 MHz Frequency band: 1740.2 –1752.6
uplink
1835.2–1847.6 Downlink**

You are therefore hereby instructed to turn off your network (voice and data traffic) no later than midnight on Sunday, 12th October, 2014. Please note that your compliance will be remotely monitored by our Spectrum Vehicle.

Suspension of the license of Comium (SL) Ltd will only be lifted if all of the following conditions are complied with:

1. Full settlement of all financial liabilities with NATCOM and all other creditors in Sierra Leone.
2. Full payment of salaries and benefits of all employees of the company.
3. Payment of a Security Bond to be determined by the Commission.
4. Submission of Asset Register.
5. Submission of Audited Accounts for 2013 and Management Accounts up to 13th October 2014.
6. The fulfilment of any other condition deemed necessary as the Commission may determine.

Please be warned that a notice of cancellation of your license shall be issued if the above conditions are not fulfilled on or before 30th November, 2014. You must also note that the Government of Sierra Leone reserves the right to carry out full investigation into the circumstances leading to the financial crisis of Comium (SL) Ltd.

Yours Faithfully,

Mohamed Bangura



Director General

Cc:

- The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communications
- The Director of Communications, Ministry of Information and Communications
- The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
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- The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Secretary to the President, State House
- Chairman, Parliamentary Oversight Committee on Information and Communications
- The Bank Governor, Bank of Sierra Leone
- Managing Director, Sierra Leone Commercial Bank
- Managing Director, Rokel Commercial Bank
- The Solicitor General
- The Cabinet Secretary and Head of Civil Service
- Chief of Staff, State House
- Director General, Corporate Affairs Commission
- Chairman, Anti-Corruption Commission
- Chairman, NATCOM