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GLOSSARY

Next Generation National Broadband Network

Contractual and Financial Close – Marks the point where the contracting process for the NetCo is completed.

Dark Fibre - Refers to fibre optic cables that have been deployed but are yet to be in use (in technical terms, “unlit”, hence “dark”).

Duct – Refers to an enclosed space of metallic or non-metallic construction which is used to house and conceal telecommunication cables and wires and includes spaces provided in a wall and in the skirting of walls and partitions.

First termination point – Means the first network point within an end-user’s premise at which the network is terminated.

Network Company (NetCo) – The NetCo will design, build and operate the passive infrastructure of the Next Generation National Broadband Network.

Non-building Address Point – Means a location in Singapore or connected island other than a physical address.

Non-residential building – Means a building that contains one or more non-residential premises but excludes all Housing Development Board apartment blocks regardless of height.

Open Access – Means the offer of open access at all segments of the network (both passive under NetCo and active under the OpCo) providing connectivity on a wholesale basis at non-discriminatory and non-exclusive terms.

Operating Company (OpCo) - The OpCo is responsible for implementing the active infrastructure of Next Generation National Broadband Network and managing the flow of ultra-high speed broadband traffic on the NetCo’s passive infrastructure.

Retail Service Providers (RSP) – Means any person providing retail services to end-users using the Next Generation National Broadband Network or any other networks in Singapore

Universal Service Obligation – A requirement under the Next Gen NBN NetCo Request for Proposal, where the NetCo will have to meet all requests, from 2013, to install fibre termination points in homes, offices and buildings.

Wholesale Prices – These are the prices at which the NetCo will sell its services (eg dark fibre) to downstream players, specifically, the Operating Companies; these are as oppose to retail prices, which are prices to be charged by retail service providers to end-users.