

MODEL INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MULTI SYSTEM OPERATOR AND LOCAL CABLE OPERATOR FOR PROVISIONING OF CABLE TV SERVICES THROUGH DIGITAL ADDRESSABLE SYSTEMS (DAS).

[1. Each page of this Agreement shall be signed by the authorized signatory of Multi System Operator and Local Cable Operator;

2. The numbers allotted to the clauses in this form shall not be altered and additions (if any) may either be carried out at the end of relevant clause or after the last clause of this form.]

This Technical and Commercial Interconnection Agreement along with its Schedules and Annexures is executed on this ----- day of 2017_ by and between:

Venkata Sai Media Private Limited a company registered under Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office 8-2-502/1/a/b, Top Floor, Sowbhagya Abode, Road No.7, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad – 500034 through its Authorized Signatory, hereinafter referred to as the “**MSO**” which expression shall unless repugnant other context or meaning thereof, be deemed to include its successors, assignees, legal heirs and executors of the **FIRST PART**.

AND

_____ a company registered under Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office

_____ through its Authorized Signatory, hereinafter referred to as the “**DISTRIBUTION MSO**” which expression shall unless repugnant other context or meaning thereof, be deemed to include its successors, assignees, legal heirs and executors of the **SECOND PART**.

AND

_____, having its office at _

_____, through its Authorized Signatory, hereinafter referred to as the “**LCO**” which expression shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to include its successors, assignees, legal heirs and executors, of the **OTHER**

PART LCO's Status: Individual/Firm/Company/Association of Persons/Body of Individuals (*strikeout whichever is not applicable or modify suitably incase of Association of Persons or Body of Individuals*).

The **MSO** and the **LCO** are herein after individually referred to as 'Party' and collectively referred to as "**Parties**".

WHEREAS:

A. The MSO is a cable operator, who has been granted registration No. _____ Dated under the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994, by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, for providing cable TV services through digital addressable systems throughout India as notified by the Central Government under Section 4A of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.

B. The LCO is a cable operator, who has been granted registration under the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994, having postal registration No. _____ dated _____ in the head post office _____, [Name of the head post office] for providing Cable TV Services in _____ [Mention the area].

C. The LCO has requested the MSO vide its letter No. _____ dated _____ for making available signals of TV channels and the MSO has agreed vide its letter No. _____ dated _____ to provide signals of TV channels to such LCO.

D. **TERRITORY:** Territory, in the context of this Agreement is _____
[Mention the name of area(s)/city(ies)/district(s)/state(s) for which this agreement is being signed.]

E. The Parties have mutually agreed to execute this Agreement-on principal to principal and non-exclusive basis- between them to govern the roles, responsibilities, rights, obligations, technical and commercial arrangement in regard to the distribution of TV channels in the Territory.

F. The Parties also mutually agree that each and every transaction including transaction of any properties/assets between the Parties shall be carried out in writing or in any other verifiable means.

NOW, THEREFORE, inconsideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:-

1. DEFINITIONS

The words and expressions used in this Agreement shall have meanings as assigned to them in the Schedule to this Agreement. All other words and expressions used in this Agreement, but not defined, and defined in the Act and rules and regulations made there under or the Cable Television Networks(Regulation)Act,1995(7of1995) shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in those Acts or the rules or regulations, as the case may be.

2. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

2.1 The Agreement shall commence on _____ [dd/mm/yyyy] and remain in force till _____ [dd/mm/yyyy] or the date of expiry of registration of the MSO or the LCO, as the case may be, which ever is earlier, unless terminated by either Party as per the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

2.2 The duration of the Agreement may be extended on terms and conditions to be mutually agreed between the Parties and recorded in writing provided that the extended term does not go beyond the last date of validity of registration of the MSO or the LCO, whichever is earlier.

3. TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

3.1 Either Party has a right to terminate the Agreement by serving an advance notice of 21 days in writing to the other Party in the event of :-

- (i) material breach of the Agreement by the other Party which has not been cured within 15 days of being required in writing to do so; or

- (ii) the bankruptcy, insolvency or appointment of receiver over the assets of other Party; or
- (iii) the other Party indulging in, or allowing or inducing any person to indulge in piracy or carrying programming service provided on the channel which is in violation of the Programme & Advertising Codes prescribed in the Cable Television Network Rules, 1994, as amended from time to time.

3.2 The LCO has a right to terminate the Agreement in the event of the MSO discontinuing the business of retransmission of signals of TV channels in the Territory.

3.3 The MSO has a right to terminate the agreement in the event of the LCO discontinuing its cable TV business in the Territory.

3.4 If the MSO decide so discontinue the business of retransmission of signals of TV channels in the Territory for any reason, it shall give a notice in writing, specifying the reasons for such decision, to the LCO at least 21 days prior to such discontinuation.

3.5 If the LCO decides to discontinue its business of providing signals of TV channels to the subscriber in the territory, it shall give a notice in writing, specifying the reasons for such decision, to the MSO at least 21 days prior to such discontinuation.

4. EFFECT OF TERMINATION AND EXPIRY

4.1 In the event of termination or expiry of the term of the Agreement, as the case may be, at the instance of either Party, each Party shall pay all amounts due and payable upto the date of termination or expiry to the other Party.

4.2 The LCO shall, within 15 days of the termination or expiry of the term of this Agreement, as the case may be, in terms of the provisions mentioned herein, handover to the MSO all properties and assets including STB's belonging to the MSO, which are in the custody of the LCO. The LCO shall also be liable to make good all the losses or damages, if any, caused to such properties and assets belonging to the MSO, in custody of the LCO, within 30 days from the receipt of notice to this effect from the MSO and in the event of inability of LCO to repair such properties/assets, the LCO shall pay to the MSO the

depreciated value of such properties/ assets.

4.3 The MSO shall, within 15days of the termination or expiry of the term of this Agreement, as the case may be, in terms of the provisions mentioned herein, handover to the LCO all properties and assets belonging to the LCO, which are in the custody of the MSO. The MSO shall also be liable to make good all the losses or damages, if any, caused to such properties and assets belonging to the LCO, in custody of the MSO, within 30days from the receipt of notice to this effect from the LCO and in the even to finability of MSO to repair such properties/assets, the MSO shall pay to the LCO the depreciated value of such properties/ assets.

4.4 If the LCO or the MSO, as the case may be, fails to hand over the assets or make good losses or damages caused to such properties and assets within the above stipulated period, the defaulting Party shall be liable to make payment for the depreciated value of the same together with simple interest calculated at the rate 2% over and above the base rate of interest of the State Bank of India.

5. PROVISIONING OF SERVICES

5.1 The MSO shall make available signals of TV channels to the LCO, on non-exclusive basis, in order to re-transmit the same to the subscribers in the Territory, in terms of this agreement and as per prevailing norms, policies, the applicable laws and rules, regulations, directions and orders of the concerned authorities.

5.2 The LCO shall carry signals of TV channels received from the MSO, on non-exclusive basis, for distribution to the subscribers in the Territory.

5.3 The Parties shall compulsorily transmit, re-transmitter otherwise carry any channel, content or programme only in encrypted mode through a digital addressable system strictly in terms of and in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

5.4 The roles and responsibilities of the Parties to the Agreement for provisioning of services are contained in **clause 10** of this Agreement.

5.5 In consideration of the roles and responsibilities mentioned in **clause 10** of the Agreement, the revenue settlement between the LCO and the MSO have been mentioned in the **clause 12** of the Agreement.

6. RIGHTS OF THE MSO

6.1 The MSO shall continue to have a right of ownership of its network used to deliver the cable TV services under this agreement and it may expand/upgrade/change/replace/re-design any part or entire network subject to the condition that any such activity does not interrupt or degrade the Quality of Service provided to the subscribers.

6.2 The MSO shall sign the interconnection agreement with broadcasters for re-transmission of signals of TV Channels as per prevailing norms, policies, the applicable laws and rules, regulations, directions and orders of the concerned authorities.

6.3 The MSO shall have the right to finalise the maximum retail price of each channel, as payable by the subscriber in compliance with the provisions of applicable laws and rules, regulations and tariff orders.

6.4 The MSO shall have the right to package the channels/ services offered on the network, as per its business plan and as per prevailing norms, policies, the applicable laws and rules, regulations and tariff orders.

6.5 The MSO shall have the right to finalise the rate of Basic Service Tier(BST) in compliance with the provisions of the applicable tariff orders and regulations notified by the Authority from time to time.

6.6 The MSO shall have the right to finalise the rates of bouquets of channels, if offered by the MSO, in compliance with the provisions of the applicable tariff orders and regulations notified by the Authority.

6.7 The MSO shall have the right to get all requisite information from the LCO for the

purpose of fulfilling its responsibilities under the Agreement, and the applicable orders and regulations.

7. RIGHTS OF THE LCO

7.1 The LCO shall continue to have its right of ownership of its network used to deliver the cable TV services under this agreement and it can expand/upgrade/change/replace/re-design any part or entire network subject to the condition that any such activity does not interrupt or degrade the Quality of Service offered to the subscriber on its network.

7.2 The LCO shall have right to get all the requisite information from the MSO for the purpose of fulfilling its responsibilities under the Agreement, and the applicable orders and regulations.

8. OBLIGATIONS OF THE MSO

8.1 MSO shall setup and operationalise the Head-end, Conditional Access System(CAS) and Subscriber Management System(SMS) for ensuring efficient and error-free services to the subscribers by recording and providing individualized preferences for channels, billing cycles or refunds.

8.2 The MSO shall make available to the LCO, the necessary and sufficient information relating to the details of channels, bouquets of channels, and services offered to the subscribers including their prices.

8.3 The MSO shall provide web based grievance redressal mechanism for addressing the complaints of LCOs in relation to the provision of services, roles and responsibilities, revenue settlements, quality of services etc.

8.4 The MSO shall not issue pre-activated STBs and the STBs shall be activated only after the details of the Customer Application Form(CAF) have been entered into the SMS.

8.5 The MSO shall generate bills for subscribers on regular basis, for charges due and payable for each month or as per the billing cycle applicable for that subscriber, within 3 days from the end of the billing cycle.

8.6 The MSO shall provide access to there levant part of the SMS under its control to the LCO for the purpose of fulfilling responsibilities by the Parties under the Agreement, and the applicable orders and regulations.

8.7 The MSO shall not indulge in any piracy or other activities, which has the effect of, or which shall result into, infringement and violation of trademark and copyrights of the LCO or person associated with such transmission.

8.8 The MSO shall comply with all the applicable statutes or laws for the time being in force, or any rules, codes, regulations, notifications, circulars, guidelines, orders, directions etc. issued, published or circulated under any law for the time being in force.

8.9 The MSO shall not do any act or thing as a result of which, any right or interest of the LCO in respect of cable TV signals under this Agreement or any property of the LCO may be infringed or prejudiced.

8.10 The MSO shall be responsible for encryption of the complete signal, up to the STB installed at the premises of the subscriber.

8.11 The MSO shall not disconnect the signals of TV Channels, without giving three weeks' advance notice to the LCO clearly specifying there as on for the proposed disconnection as envisaged in the Interconnection Regulation.

8.12. The MSO shall make available online payment gateway, prepaid system for subscribers and facility for electronic acknowledgment to the subscriber on the receipt of payment from the subscriber.

8.13 The MSO shall intimate to the LCO, at least 15days in advance, in respect of any

proposed changes in the package composition or the retail tariff being offered to the subscriber.

8.14 The MSO shall have no right, without the prior written intimation to the LCO, to assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement.

9. OBLIGATIONS OF THE LCO

9.1 The LCO shall hand over a copy of CAF received from subscribers within 15days to the MSO.

9.2 The LCO shall be responsible for entering the details of the bill amount paid by the individual subscriber to the LCO for the Cable TV services in the SMS.

9.3 The LCO shall not indulge in any piracy or other activities, which has the effect of, or which shall result into, infringement and violation of trade mark and copyrights of the MSO, or any other person associated with such retransmission.

9.4 The LCO shall have no right, without the prior written intimation to the MSO, to assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement.

9.5 The LCO shall not replace the STBs of the MSO with the STBs of any other MSO without receiving the requests from the subscribers through application forms for returning the STB of the existing connections and for providing new connections through Customer Application Form. The new Set Top Box shall be activated only after entry of the details, as provided in new Customer Application Form, into the Subscriber Management System of the new MSO.

9.6 The LCO shall –

(i)not transmit or retransmit, interpolate or mix any signals which are not transmitted or generated by the MSO without the prior written consent of the MSO;

(ii)not insert any commercial or advertisement or information on any signal

transmitted by the MSO. Any such tampering of signals or interpolating of signals shall be deemed to be a violation of this Agreement and shall constitute sufficient cause for termination of this Agreement by the MSO by giving such notice as prescribed under the law or under this agreement;

(iii)not interfere in anyway with the signals provided by the MSO and also not use any decoding, receiving, recording equipment(s), counterfeit set top box or Smart card and any other like equipment's;

(iv)not alter or tamper the Hardware including the seal(seal to prevent opening of set top box), misuse, replace, remove and shift the Smartcard or STB without the written consent of MSO from their respective original addresses;

(v)not use, either before or after the installation of STB, of any decoding, receiving, recording equipment(s), counterfeit set top box(es), smartcard(s) other than the STB(s), Smart cards and any other equipments supplied/ approved by the MSO, and to take actions as directed by the MSO against such subscribers.

(vi)intimate the MSO promptly about any alteration, tampering with the Hardware including the seal, misuse, replacement, removal and shifting of Smartcards and STBs, without the written consent of MSO, from their respective original addresses and also about the use, either before or after the STBs, of any decoding, receiving, recording equipment(s), counterfeit set top box(es) and smart card(s) other than the STB(s),Smartcard(s) and any other item so Hardware supplied by the MSO, and to take actions as directed by the MSO against such subscribers.

9.7 The LCO shall not provide connection to any entity for further retransmission of the Cable TV signals.

9.8 The LCO shall not record and then retransmit Cable TV signals or otherwise to block or add or substitute or otherwise tamper with the signal being transmitted by the MSO or with the trunk linen or shall allow any other person to do so.

9.9 The LCO shall not do any act or thing as a result of which, any right or interest of the MSO in respect of the Cable TV signals under this Agreement or any property of the MSO may be infringed or prejudiced.

9.10 The LCO shall permit access to the systems under its control to the MSO, on non-exclusive basis, for the purpose of fulfilling responsibilities by the Parties under the Agreement, and the applicable orders and regulations.

9.11 The LCO shall not disconnect the signals of TV Channels, without giving three weeks' notice to the MSO clearly specifying the reasons for the proposed disconnection as envisaged in the Inter connection Regulation.

10. BILLING

10.1 The billing for subscriber shall be in the name of (LCO). However, each Party shall ensure that the applicable laws, rules and regulations relating to taxes are complied with.

10.2 The Party, in whose name the billing for subscribers have been agreed in the clause 10.1 above, shall receive the payment of the subscription fee paid by the subscribers.

11. DEFAULTS

11.1 Without prejudice to such rights and remedies that the Parties may have in law or under the provisions of this Agreement, in the event of any delay or failure by the MSO or the LCO, as the case may be, to make payment so dues on or before the respective due dates, the LCO or the MSO, as the case maybe, shall have the right:-

(i) to disconnect the services subject to the compliance of the applicable rules, regulations, directions or orders of the Authority:

(ii) to terminate this Agreement, subject to compliance of the applicable laws in force;

(iii) to charge a simple interest at the rate 2% over and above of the base rate of interest of the State Bank of India from the date such amounts became due until those are fully and finally paid;

11.2 Incases where any of the Parties has failed to make payment on or before due date for three consecutive months in the past, the other Party shall have right to demand the interest free security deposit which shall not exceed average of immediately preceding 6 months billing amounts and the same shall be maintained for the remaining term of the agreement.

11.3 Upon disconnection of the service as mentioned in clause 11.1 above, whether accompanied by termination of this Agreement or not, the defaulting Party shall be liable to deposit forth with all sums payable by it. In the case of termination, accounts shall be settled within thirty days and for delayed payments, either Party shall be liable to pay simple interest at the rate 2% over and above of the base rate of interest of the State Bank of India.

12. UNDERTAKINGS

12.1 Each Party shall recognize the exclusive ownership of the property owned and installed by the other Party and shall not have or claim any right, title or interest or lien of whatsoever nature.

12.2 Nothing contained herein shall constitute either Party as the agent or partner or the representative of the other for any purpose and neither Party shall have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or obligation of any kind, express or implied, in the name of or on behalf of the other Party and the relationship between the MSO and the LCO shall remain on “Principal to Principal” basis.

12.3 It is expressly understood by the Parties that “” logo(s) is a Registered Trade Mark of the MSO, and the LCO shall use the said logo only during the currency of this Agreement for the benefit of the cable television networking business of the MSO. Consent of the MSO is hereby given to the LCO to use the said logo, to the extent of or in connection with the business of the MSO.

12.4 It is expressly understood by the Parties that “_” logo(s) is a Registered Trade Mark of the LCO, and the MSO shall use the said logo only during the currency of this Agreement for the benefit of the cable television networking business of the LCO. Consent of the LCO is hereby given to the MSO to use the said logo, to the extent of or in connection with the business of the LCO.

12.5 It is clearly understood and accepted by each Party that it shall have no right to use any intellectual property of the other on its Cable TV service or otherwise on or after the withdrawal by the other Party of its consent for such uses.

12.6 Incase the LCO or the MSO, as the case may be, decides to transfer its interest in respect of its business of providing Cable TV Service to any other party/person(third party), in whole or in part, the LCO or the MSO, as the case may be, shall give prior notice to the MSO or the LCO. First Party shall not have any objection to such transfer if the other Party has complied with its obligations under this contract and has paid all its dues.

Provided, however, that such third party shall sign and execute a deed of adherence to the terms & conditions of this Agreement and other undertaking/bonds to the satisfaction of the MSO or the LCO, as the case may be, in order to give effect to the provisions of this Agreement.

12.7 The LCO shall maintain and continue to maintain its Postal Registration Certificate renewed from time to time in accordance with the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and comply with the terms and conditions of the registration certificate issued by the Postal Authority.

12.8 The MSO shall maintain and continue to maintain its Registration Certificate renewed from time to time in accordance with the Cable TV Networks(Regulation) Act,1995and comply with the terms and conditions of the registration.

12.9 Both the Parties shall comply with the Programme Codes and Advertising Codes prescribed in the Cable Television NetworkRules,1994, as amended from time to time.

12.10 Both the Parties shall comply with the laws for the time being in force in India, as applicable to them.

13. PREVENTION OF PIRACY

13.1 The Parties shall not indulge or allow any person to indulge in Piracy or in reverse engineering any technology used in the Hardware or any component thereof nor shall they use the Hardware to be connected to any equipment for setting up a mini head-end for retransmission of the signals generated from the same.

13.2 Signal to any subscriber shall be disconnected by the MSO or the LCO, as the case may be, after giving due notice as required under applicable regulations, if found to be indulged in or abetting any Piracy.

14. DISCLAIMER AND INDEMNITY

14.1 In no event, the MSO shall be liable to the LCO for any indirect, special, incidental or consequential damage arising out of or in connection with the disruption, interruption or discontinuance of the Service or for any inconvenience, disappointment or due to deprivation of any programme or information or for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, which is not attributable to any act of the MSO.

14.2 In no event, the LCO shall be liable to the MSO for any indirect, special, incidental or consequential damage arising out of or in connection with the disruption, interruption or discontinuance of the Service or for any inconvenience, disappointment or due to deprivation of any programme or information or for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, which is not attributable to any act of the LCO.

14.3 LCO shall indemnify the MSO for all cost, expense and damages by reason of any claim, action or proceedings from any third party or from subscribers for any inconvenience, loss or annoyance caused to them due to any default of the LCO or due to termination of the Agreement or suspension of the Service due to LCO's breach.

14.4 MSO shall indemnify the LCO for all cost, expense and damages by reason of

any claim, action or proceedings from any third party or from subscribers for any inconvenience, loss or annoyance caused to them due to any default of the MSO or due to termination of the Agreement or suspension of the Service due to MSO's breach.

15. GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

15.1 As mandated by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997, the Parties shall not institute any suit or seek injunction or interim orders in any court or judicial tribunal/ authority in India with respect to any claims, dispute or differences between the Parties arising out of this Agreement save and except before the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal, New Delhi ("TDSAT"). The Parties agree that all disputes between the Parties shall be resolved solely through proceedings instituted before the TDSAT.

16. FORCE MAJEURE

16.1 Failure on the part of the MSO or the LCO to perform any of its obligations, shall not entitle either Party to raise any claim against the other or constitute a breach of this Agreement to the extent that such failure arises from an event of Force Majeure. If through Force Majeure the fulfillment by either Party of any obligation set forth in this Agreement is delayed, the period of such delay shall not be taken into account in computing periods prescribed by this Agreement. Force Majeure will include act of god, earthquake, tides, storm, flood, lightning, explosion, fire, sabotage, quarantine, epidemic, arson, civil disturbance, terrorist attack, war like situation, or enactment of any law or rules and regulation made by the Authorities or revocation of registration of the Parties any circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Parties herein that directly or indirectly hinders or prevents either of the Parties from commencing or proceeding with the consummation of the transactions contemplated here by. The Party affected by such Force Majeure event shall promptly notify the other Party of the occurrence of such event. It is agreed between the Parties that lack of funds shall not in any event constitute or be considered an event of Force Majeure. If the conditions of Force Majeure to continue for a period exceeding one month, the Parties shall meet to decide upon the future performance of the Agreement. If the Parties are unable to agree upon a plan for future performance, then the Agreement shall be terminated upon notice of either Party to the other, on expiry

of one month from the date of such notice.

16.2 Any accrued payment obligation of a Party prior to the commencement of Force Majeure shall survive the termination of this Agreement pursuant to such Force Majeure.

17. NOTICES

17.1 Any notice to be served on any Party by the other shall be deemed to have been validly sent if sent by Registered Post Acknowledgement Due (RPAD) or speed post service of Department of Post, Government of India or by hand delivery duly acknowledged at the address mentioned in the beginning or at such other changed address as the Party may inform and the date of receipt of such notice shall be the date of receipt by the other Party or 7 days from the date of dispatch of the notice by RPAD, whichever is earlier.

18. RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER

18.1 The either Party shall not remove, sell, assign, mortgage, transfer/sublet and encumber all or any part of the network which belongs to the other Party. If the Party indulges in any of the above-mentioned acts, the said acts shall be illegal and void ab-initio and the Party shall also be liable for any action under the applicable law.

19. CONFIDENTIALITY

19.1 The Parties shall keep in strict confidence, any information received by one from the other while participating in the affairs/business of each other and shall not disclose the same to any person not being a party to this Agreement.

19.2 The Parties shall also bind their employees, officers, advisors, associates, contractors, agents, authorized persons and other similar persons to whom the above mentioned information may be disclosed, to the obligations of confidentiality.

19.3 The Parties hereby agree that the confidential information can be disclosed to the statutory authority on demand by such authorities.

20. MODIFICATIONS

20.1 The Agreement cannot be modified, varied or terminated except in writing. Any variation of the Agreement, including Addendum Agreements, Annexures, Schedules or any other document, called by what ever name, but executed in relation to this Agreement, shall be mutually agreed to in writing and executed by or on behalf of the Parties.

21. BINDING EFFECT

21.1 This Agreement modifies all prior understanding of the Parties as to the subject matter there of and shall not be amended except in writing by both the Parties. Any other understanding between the Parties(if any) with regard to any other matter or any accrued rights and obligation of the Parties not covered under this agreement, if any, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF the Parties have set and subscribed their respective hands to this Agreement on the date and year appearing herein above.

Signed on behalf of the MSO

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In the presence of

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Signed on behalf of the LCO

(_____)

In the presence of

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Note: The self attested copies of power of attorney/authorization letter, where by the signatories of this agreement have been authorized to sign and execute this agreement by the Parties, shall be attached with this agreement.

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

A. DEFINITIONS

In the Agreement unless the context requires otherwise, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings set out herein below:

- (a) **“Act”** means the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997 (24 of 1997), as amended from time to time;
- (b) **“Addressable System”** shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 (7 of 1995), as amended from time to time;
- (c) **“Authority”** means the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India established under subsection (1) of section 3 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997;
- (d) **“Basic Service Tier”** shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Tariff Order.
- (e) **“Bouquet” or “bouquet of channels”** means an assortment of distinct channels, offered together as a group or as a bundle;
- (f) **“Broadcaster”** means a person or a group of persons, or body corporate, or any organization or body who, after having obtained, in its name, up linking permission or down linking permission, as may be applicable for its channels, from the Central Government, provides programming services;
- (g) **“Cable service or cable TV service”** means the transmission by cables of programmes including retransmission by cables of any broadcast television signals;
- (h) **“Cable television network or cable TV network”** means any system consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, control and distribution equipment, designed to provide cable service for reception by multiple subscribers;
- (i) **“Channel or TV channel”** means a channel, which has been registered under-
 - (i) the guidelines for up linking from India, issued vide No.1501/2/2002-TV(I)(Pt.) dated the 2nd December, 2005; or
 - (ii) policy guidelines for down linking of television channels, issued vide No

13/2/2002-BP&L/BC-IV dated the 11th November, 2005, as amended from time to time, or such other guidelines for up linking or down linking of television channels, as may be issued from time to time by Government of India (Ministry of Information and Broadcasting) and reference to the term 'channel' shall be construed as a reference to "channel or TV channel";

- (j) **“Complaint Centre”** means a facility established by the multi-system operator or his linked local cable operators, as the case may be, under Consumer Complaint Redressal Regulation;
- (j) **“Complaint Centre”** means a facility established by the multi-system operator or his linked local cable operators, as the case may be, under Consumer Complaint Redressal Regulation;
- (l) **“CTN Act”** means the Cable Television Networks(Regulation)Act,1995(7of 1995), as amended from time to time;
- (m) **“Encryption or encrypted”** in respect of a signal of cable television network, means the changing of such signal in a systematic way so that the signal would be unintelligible with out use of an addressable system and the expression "unencrypted" shall be construed accordingly;
- (n) **“FreeToAirchannel”** shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Tariff Order;
- (o) **“Hardware”** means a multi-system operator approved set top box to enable the decryption of signals of Channels transmitted in encrypted form, the remote and other associated components and accessories;
- (p) **“Headend”** means a facility that contains satellite receivers, modulator, compression equipment, multiplexes, and conditional access facilities, other transmission equipments and has antennas which receive signals from Satellite and/or from local studio for retransmission to subscribers directly or through linked LCOs;
- (q) **“Interconnection Regulation”** means the Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable Services)Interconnection(Digital Addressable Cable Television Systems) Regulations, 2012(9 of 2012), dated 30th April, 2012, as amended from time to time;
- (r) **“Manual of Practice(MoP)”** means the Manual of Practice referred in the QoS Regulation;
- (s) **“Nodal Officer”** means the officer appointed or designated by the multi-system operator or his linked local cable operator, as the case may be ,under the Consumer

Complaint Redressal Regulation;

- (t) **“Pay Channel”** shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Tariff Order;
- (u) **“Piracy”** means unauthorized reception, retransmission or redistribution of Cable TV Signal by any person by any means and modes including but not limited to any alteration, tampering of the seal or any component or accessory there of or misuse, replacement, removal and /or shifting of Hardware or any use, either before or after the set top box, any decoding, receiving, recording equipment(s),counterfeit or unauthorized devices or any activity, which has the effect of, or which may result into, infringement and violation of trademark and copyright of the MSO or the LCO as the case maybe;
- (v) **“Programme”** means any television broadcast and includes;
 - (i) exhibition of films, features, dramas, advertisements and serials;
 - (ii) any audio or visual or audio-visual live performance or presentation and the expression "programming service" shall be construed accordingly;
- (w) **“QoS Regulation”** means the Standards of Quality of Service (Digital Addressable Cable TV Systems) Regulations, 2012 (12 of 2012), dated 14th May, 2012, as amended from time to time.
- (x) **“Set top box or STB”** means a device, which is connected to ,or is part of a television and which allows a subscriber to receive in unencrypted and descrambled form subscribed channels through an addressable system.
- (y) **“Smart Card”** means the card duly approved by the multi-system operator as part of the Hardware, which enables the subscriber to gain access to the Cable TV signals of Channels;
- (z) **“Subscriber”** means a person who receives broadcasting services or cable services from a multi-system operator or cable operator at a place indicated by him to the multi-system operator or cable operator, as the case may be ,without further transmitting it to any person and includes ordinary subscribers and commercial subscribers, unless specifically excluded;
“For removal of doubts, it is clarified that each set top box installed at the premises Would constitute a subscriber.;
- (za) **“Subscriber management system or SMS”** means a system or device which stores the subscriber records and details with respect to name, address and other information regarding the hardware being utilized by the subscriber, channels or bouquets of

channels subscribed to by the subscriber, price of such channels or bouquets of channels as defined in the system, the activation or deactivation dates and time for any channel or bouquets of channels, a logo fall actions performed on a subscriber's record, invoices raised on each subscriber and the amounts paid or discount allowed to the subscriber for each billing period;

(zb) **“Tariff Order”** means the Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services (Fourth)(Addressable Systems) Tariff Order, 2010 (1 of 2010), dated 21st July 2010, as amended from time to time;

(zc) **“Trunk Line”** means the coaxial / optic fiber cable network and other allied equipment such as receiver nodes, amplifiers, splitters etc. owned and installed by the multi-system operator or its associate companies for the purpose of transmitting Cable TV Signal to various LCO still the receiving end of various LCOs, including the LCO, to enable them to re-transmit the Cable TV Signal to respective subscribers.

All other words and expressions used in this inter connection agreement but not defined, and defined in the Act and rules and regulations made there under or the CTN Act and the rules and regulations made there under, shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in those Acts or the rules or regulations, as the case may be.

B. INTERPRETATION

In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) Any reference to the singular in the Agreement shall include a reference to the plural and vice versa and words importing one gender only shall include all other genders unless the context otherwise requires;
- (b) The word “person” shall include individuals, corporations, partnerships, association of persons and any other entities;
- (c) Any references to article, clauses, sub-clauses, appendices, annexure and schedules are references to Articles, clauses, sub-clauses, appendices, annexure and schedules to the Agreement unless the context otherwise expressly provides;
- (d) References to a “month” are to a calendar month;
- (e) Headings and titles are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this agreement and in no way be read to give a construction not harmonious with the interpretation of various clauses of this agreement done other

wise independent of the title;

- (f) Any reference to law, regulation, statutory provision, order, guideline, policy, etc, includes references to such law or regulation or provision, order, guideline, policy, etc., as modified, codified, amended or re-enacted from time to time.