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REVIEW OF PROPOSED DIGITAL RADIO ROLLOUT FOR REINVESTMENT AND EXPANDED INTERNATIONAL RADIO AND TV SERVICES OF ABC IN AUSTRALIA

Domestically, The Morrison Government and Minister Fletcher is hoping that extending the reach of an expanded digital radio rollout in regional Australia, sub-metropolitan areas, remote and rural areas, Australian island territories and surrounding regions for that cost of \$3.5 billion dollars.

We have developments in new technologies of digital radio services, including improve the crystal clear reception of DAB+, DRM30, HF DRM and DRM+, more choice of radio stations such as a range of simulcasts analogue stations from ABC, SBS, commercial, community, narrowcast (LPON, HPON) and narrowband (MF-NAS) services, slideshow data, new digital radio receivers, electronic program guides, DAB+ satellite radio to deliver the VAST services, AMSS, RDS, multiplex licensees of digital radio transmitters offers categories 1 to 3, in-car coverage, new secondary services, DRM transmitters, data services, new digital radio repeaters, new translators of digital radio relay transmitters, transmission and satellite equipment, new DAB+ satellite distribution systems, single and multi frequency networks, niche formats, free to air, exceptional sound quality and on-screen information, as well as automatic frequency checking and switching, satellite uplinks and downlinks, in-band on channels and technical systems.

An exciting for investment to boost an expansion of extending digital radio rollout for future delivery of the radio services in a four year period, it runs until 2023.

Internationally, The ABC is planning to expand it's new and improved digital radio and TV broadcasting capabilities to some of the regions in Asia and the Pacific currently relying on 24-hour FM stations, local relay stations, live satellite radio, TV rebroadcasters, live satellite TV, apartments and hotels, the digital TV services had full upgraded to HD format, as well as expands to HF DRM domestically and DAB+ and DRM internationally.

Working alongside ABC International Development and BAI Communications, new strategy for operations to have technology rollouts of digital radio and TV services, an amalgamation of RN, ABC Local Radio, ABC Kids Listen and radio news and current affairs content as well as amalgamation of TV programs sourced from ABC, SBS, commercial networks, independent production houses and through co-production acquisition, and drawn resources of news and current affairs content from AAP, ABC, SBS and newspapers.

ABC Australia TV has worked with syndication of select content to media partners in 40 countries of Asia and the Pacific, Australian content will be joined by the Asia and Pacific TV partner stations were reinvested, and coupled with broadcasting and syndicated Australian TV shows to NZ viewers through Pasifika TV, TVNZ, MediaWorks, SKY, and Maori Television, ABC Radio Australia has also worked with almost 300+ partner stations around the world and international broadcast partners of English and multi-language services such as BBC World Service, CNN, Deutsche Welle, NPR, Voice of America, Radio New Zealand Pacific, WRN Broadcast, Mediacorp Singapore, NHK World Radio Japan, ABS-CBN DZMM and MOR, World Radio Paris, FBC Fiji's radio stations, SIBC's Wantok FM, National Radio (2AP) Samoa, Radio Tonga, NBC PNG radio stations, Radio Vanuatu and more to provide program materials is distributed via satellite feeds and syndicated to other radio stations through partnerships.

ABC International is the transmission and rebroadcast arrangements will be reinvested in extending digital radio and TV services into Asia, India, the Pacific and Middle East for cost of \$2.4 million dollars, after 81 years old.

Yours sincerely,

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