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## **HKTV Responds the Government's Clarifications on TV Licence Decision**

(Hong Kong, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013) Hong Kong Television Network Limited ("HKTV") made the following response towards the Government's clarifications on TV licence decision.

Three weeks have passed since the announcement of rejecting HKTV's TV licence application. Despite the removal of legal concerns, the Government insists on refusal to make reasonable explanation not until today, right before the vote on whether to invoke the Legislative Council (Powers & Privileges) Ordinance to intervene the matter, that a clarification was made to once again explain those principles and directions, that has confused the public and has made the issue more complicated.

Despite there are "authoritative sources" and "cause of death" spreading around the market, what HKTV requests a genuine explanation and an objective score report so that we can understand what has gone wrong in the application. Regrettably, the Government's clarification carries only the generic principles of the "4 criteria & 11 factors". The request for material information and explanation on what HKTV has lagged behind the other two applicants remained unanswered.

Recently, the Government has made selective disclosure of the consultant's reports to some members of the Legislative Council, and partial content of the report was found in public domain. However, the Government has refused to publicize consultant's reports, and at the same time has declined HKTV's request to disclose these reports to the public. This is truly unfair and injustice.

Finally, the Government should also address public's queries that while not every member of the Executive Council possesses business or TV station operation experiences, why the Council has not accepted Broadcasting Authority's recommendation to grant all three licences, and why the decision was not made based on the ranking appeared in consultant's reports? If the Council does not agree on the reports, why the matter was not referred back to the Communications Authority?

HKTV has once again reviewed the "4 criteria & 11 factors", and has confirmed it has met with all these requirements. Please refer to the attached 17-page Powerpoint presentation for details.

HKTV would grant consent to the Government to disclose the commercial information as stated in its application if necessary, and reiterates that “Justice is far more important than the licence”. HKTV requests the Government to release the truth to the public, aiding to rebuild its prestige and public reliance.

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