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Dear Mr. Komboi,

SUBJECT: NICTA DECISION ON DATACO'S PROPOSED REFERENCE INTERCONNECTION

NICTA determined at its Board Meeting on 24 December, 2021 to **ACCEPT** DataCo's Reference Interconnection Offer (RIO) that was proposed on on 22 October, 2021.

As you are aware the decision to accept DataCo's RIO has been taken after consideration of the submissions received through the Public Consultation process and the requirements of the *National Information Communications Technology Act, 2010 (the Act)*. Under *Section 142(4)*, NICTA must either accept or reject the proposed RIO. This means that NICTA cannot accept some of the Terms and Conditions but reject others. Nor can it vary proposed terms on its own initiative. The procedure that NICTA must follow before it can accept a RIO is set out in *Section 142(5)* of the *Act*. NICTA must engage in Public Consultation of at least four (4) weeks duration along the lines of a Public Inquiry in *Section 229*, and it must consider any submissions received.

NICTA commenced a public consultation on the proposed RIO on 22 October, 2021 was subjected to Public Consultation initially from 5 November, 2021 to 5 December, 2021. The deadline was subsequently extended to 10 December, 2021 at the request of the industry *Section 142(6)* of the *Act* requires NICTA to give the access provider a written notice that RIO has been accepted and setting out the reasons to accept the RIO. This letter and attached Statement of Reasons fulfills that statutory requirement.

Yours sincerely,

KILA GULO-VUI
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attachment: Statement of Reasons

PREVENT COVID-19

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a bent elbow and wash hands after
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Keep at least 1.5m distance away from others
- Avoid close contact with someone who is sick
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Work at home where possible and avoid social venues

Wash hands frequently with soap and water