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PART I : SECTION (I) – GENERAL

Government Notifications

SRI LANKA RUPAVAHINI CORPORATION ACT, No. 6 OF 1982

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Mass Media and Information under Section 31 of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Act, No. 6 of 1982.

KEHELIYA RAMBUKWELLA,
Minister of Mass Media and Information.

Ministry of Mass Media and Information,
Colombo,
21st August, 2010.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as Private Television Broadcasting Station Regulations of 2010 and will be applicable for the licences issued hereinafter. Accordingly Private Television Broadcasting Station Regulations of 2007 issued under *Extraordinary Gazette* Notification No. 1570/35 dated 10.10.2008 is hereby rescinded, with effect from 27.10.2009.

CLASSIFICATION

2. Private television broadcasting stations shall be classified on the basis of –
 - (a) The technology used to access the television viewer as –
 - (i) Analogue; and
 - (ii) Digital
 - (b) The viewer –
 - (i) Being required to pay a periodical subscription to view
 - (ii) Being not required to pay a periodical subscription
 - (c) Using broadcast transmitting infrastructure –
 - (i) Belonging to the licensee
 - (ii) Belonging to another licensee.
3. An application for a licence shall be made to the Minister in writing by a person who shall be required to submit following details as stipulated in Technical, Financial and Professional categories.

TECHNICAL

4. The applicant shall furnish technical details of the proposed operations.
- (a) Any person who is applying for establishing and maintaining an internet based or telephony based broadcasting station within Sri Lanka shall be required to –
- (i) hold a valid licence issued in terms of Section 17 of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act for maintaining a network, either as an Internet Service Provider licensee or a Telephony Network, corresponding to the basis on which the broadcast shall take place.
- or
- (ii) have duly entered into an agreement with an operator licensed in terms of appropriate description in Section 17(i) of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act for the use of such network facilities required for the establishment or maintaining such a television broadcasting operation.

FINANCIAL

5. A non refundable fee of Rs. 100,000 shall be accompanied with the application.
6. The applicant shall furnish financial details of the organization which are required for the proposed operation of the organization.
7. Submit Investment Plan or Annual Report to the Ministry.

PROFESSIONAL

8. The applicant shall furnish the professional qualifications and competencies of persons required for proposed operations.
9. Where the applicant is a company, it shall provide the names and details of all the directors of the company.

Accordingly, the Private Television Broadcasting Station Regulations of 2007 issued under *Extraordinary Gazette* Notification No. 1570/35 dated 10.10.2008 is hereby rescinded.

10. In these regulations -

"**Act**" means the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Act, No. 6 of 1982;

"**Internet Service Provider Network - (ISP)**" means a network operated by a person who has been duly issued with a licence by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka for the purpose of providing Internet access facilities to the subscribers;

"**Person**" means a natural or juristic person.

"**Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation**" means the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation established by the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Act, No. 6 of 1982;

"**Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka**" means the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka established by the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No. 25 of 1991;

"**Telephony Network**" means a telecommunication network capable of providing telecommunication facilities.

"**Minister**" means the Minister of Mass Media and Information.

"**Secretary**" means the Secretary of the Ministry of Mass Media and Information.

"**Sri Lanka Telecommunication Act**" means Act, No. 25 of 1991.