



10th January, 2003

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

QUOTE

In October 2002, Maltacom p.l.c. (“Maltacom”) filed a judicial action against Vodafone Malta Limited (“Vodafone”) to recover the amount of Lm483, 000 due by Vodafone to Maltacom for signalling services, at rates approved by the Regulator, continuously provided by Maltacom to Vodafone since January 2000. This judicial action is still pending.

Given Vodafone’s refusal to pay this substantial amount due to Maltacom and Maltacom’s continuing provision of signalling services to Vodafone for which it is not being paid, Maltacom has not provided certain additional services requested by Vodafone.

Following exchanges between the Malta Communications Authority (“the MCA”) and Maltacom, the Malta Communications Authority on the 8th January 2003 issued a letter to Maltacom imposing on the Company a daily fine of Lm1000 for each day during which the Company “persists in denying the provision of ... a leased line between Vodafone Malta Limited and Swisscom and an additional signalling link between Vodafone Malta Ltd’s switch and Maltacom plc’s Birkirkara switch.” The Malta Communications Authority’s letter of the 8th January 2003 states that the fine shall commence as from the 14th January 2003 until the day that Maltacom confirms to the Malta Communication Authority that it “will desist from blacklisting the provision of any services in conformity with this decision and undertake to provide Vodafone Malta Limited with such services within a period to be accepted by the Authority”.

Maltacom has instituted judicial proceedings against the competent authorities contesting the imposition of the fine and impugning the applicable regulations.

UNQUOTE

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