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**Public Notice**

***Class Licences, Exemptions from the Requirement to Obtain a Licence, and the Use of Unlicensed Communications Facilities***

On April 29, 2013, the Regulatory Authority (“RA”) adopted a new light-touch licencing regime covering the following activities:

- Closed User Groups;
- Provision of communications services by hotels, hospitals, schools and similar institutions for a fee;
- Pay Telephones;
- Operator Services; and
- Internet Cafes.

Anyone who engages in these activities is required to register with the RA and comply with the terms of the new “Class Licence” that covers these activities. A copy of the registration form, a description of the activities requiring a Class Licence, and an explanation of the obligations of Class Licence holders can be found on the RA’s website at [www.rab.bm](http://www.rab.bm) (Class Licences and Exemptions). **The deadline for registration is August 8, 2013.** Anyone who fails to register, while continuing to engage in these activities, may be subject to penalties and fines.

On April 29, 2013, the RA also established certain exemptions from the obligation to obtain a licence for:

- Private Networks;
- Value-Added Services; and
- Free WiFi Services.

Anyone who engages in these activities does not need a licence, nor are they obligated to register with the RA, as long as they comply with the terms and conditions of the Exemption. A description of the activities that are exempt from the obligation to obtain a licence, and the conditions of the Exemption, can be found on the RA’s website at [www.rab.bm](http://www.rab.bm) (Class Licences and Exemptions). Anyone who engages in an exempt activity, but fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the Exemption, may be subject to penalties and fines.

Anyone who does not hold an Individual Communications Operating Licence may not operate communications facilities, outside of their own premises, unless those facilities have been obtained from a licensed telecommunications operator. A list of telecommunications operators holding such licences appears on the RA’s website. **Anyone who is currently operating such facilities without a valid licence may continue to do so, but only on a transitional basis until September 7, 2013.** Anyone who operates such facilities after September 7, 2013 without a licence may be subject to penalties and fines. Affected parties are encouraged to contact the RA as soon as possible.

For additional information regarding the RA's new licensing and exemption regime, please contact Chief Executive Philip Micallef at [pmicallef@rab.bm](mailto:pmicallef@rab.bm)