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**2.3GHz BROADBAND WIRELESS ACCESS  
SPECTRUM TENDER EXERCISE**

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The Minister of Energy, Water and Communications YB Datuk Seri Dr. Lim Keng Yaik has expressed some concerns on the ongoing 2.3GHz spectrum tender exercise.

This concern is in view of the current requirement to align the rollout of wireless broadband services in the country to support the national MyICMS886 strategy at achieving set targets for broadband rollout over the next 5 years and beyond.

The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) had earlier issued an Application Information Package (AIP) on 16 May 2006 to invite for submissions by interested parties. The AIP constitutes the tender documents for the 2.3GHz spectrum exercise. The closing date for submission was 12.00 pm, 18 July 2006. A total of 17 submissions were received by MCMC.

Taking into consideration the Minister's concerns, MCMC will defer the evaluation of the submissions made by the applicants and the announcement of the result, which had been originally targeted for 31 October 2006. Once the concerns are addressed, MCMC will proceed with the evaluation, in which clarifications from the applicants may be sought, if necessary. Further announcement on this matter will be advised to the applicants in due course.

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The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission is the regulator for the converging communications and multimedia industry. At the time it was created, its key role was the regulation of the communications and multimedia industry based on the powers provided for in the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission Act (1998) and the Communications and Multimedia Act (1998). Pursuant to these Acts the role of the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission is to implement and promote the Government's national policy objectives for the communications and multimedia sector. The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission is also charged with overseeing the new regulatory framework for the converging industries of telecommunications, broadcasting and on-line activities. For more information on MCMC, visit [www.mcmc.gov.my](http://www.mcmc.gov.my)

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