

## Appendix A

Fantastic Television Limited (Fantastic TV) has committed that on top of the programme requirements stipulated under its current domestic free television programme (free TV) service licence, it would fulfil additional programme requirements when the proposed transmission arrangement comes into effect as follows –

### **On the Integrated Chinese and English Channels**

- (a) Children's programmes<sup>1</sup> – Fantastic TV would start to broadcast an additional one hour daily of children's programmes on the integrated Chinese channel upon use of spectrum. On the integrated English channel, Fantastic TV shall gradually increase the amount of children's programmes by an additional one hour daily within 12 months upon use of spectrum;
- (b) Documentary programmes<sup>2</sup> – Fantastic TV would start to broadcast, on the integrated English channel, 30 minutes per week of documentary programmes which are to be wholly of Hong Kong origin within 12 months upon use of spectrum;

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<sup>1</sup> Fantastic TV is required under its current free TV licence to broadcast one hour daily of children's programmes on each of the integrated Chinese and English channels.

<sup>2</sup> Fantastic TV is required under its current free TV licence to broadcast one hour per week of documentary programmes on each of the integrated Chinese and English channels, of which 30 minutes per week of such programmes on the integrated Chinese channel should be wholly of Hong Kong origin.

- (c) Subtitling service<sup>3</sup> – Fantastic TV would provide Chinese subtitles for all drama programmes carried on the integrated Chinese channel upon use of spectrum. English subtitling would be gradually extended to all programmes broadcast between 8:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on its integrated English channel within 12 months upon use of spectrum;

### **On the Additional TV Programme Channel**

- (d) Daily broadcasting hours and channel language – The additional TV programme channel would broadcast a total of 21 hours of TV programmes per day mainly in Cantonese;
- (e) Local productions<sup>4</sup> – Fantastic TV would provide not less than 100 hours of local productions per week;
- (f) First-run programmes<sup>5</sup> – Fantastic TV would provide 110 hours of first-run programmes per week;

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<sup>3</sup> Fantastic TV is required under its current free TV licence to provide subtitling service incrementally as follows –

- (a) on the integrated Chinese and English channels, subtitling for all news, current affairs, weather programmes and emergency announcements;
- (b) on the integrated Chinese channel, Chinese subtitles for programmes shown between 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.; and
- (c) on the integrated English channel, English subtitles for two hours per week of programmes with educational value targeting teenagers.

<sup>4</sup> “Local productions” refer to programmes produced locally and appealing to local viewers, irrespective of whether they are partly or wholly station-produced, commissioned, collaborated, or joint-ventured programmes but shall not include Government-supplied programmes (e.g. programmes produced by Radio Television Hong Kong).

<sup>5</sup> A “first-run programme” means a TV programme which has not been previously broadcast on the domestic pay television programme service provided by an associate of Fantastic TV.

- (g) Subtitling service – Fantastic TV would provide Chinese subtitles, whenever feasible, for news and documentary programmes broadcast in languages other than Cantonese; and
  
- (h) Announcement in the public interest and Communications Authority (CA) publicity material – The additional TV programme channel would broadcast announcements in the public interest up to two minutes per every two clock hours, and publicity material for the CA up to five minutes per week.

The additional requirements imposed by the CA are to ensure that Fantastic TV, upon using spectrum as an additional transmission means, would operate in more or less a level playing field as the spectrum-based incumbent free TV licensees.