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Press Release

Telecommunications & Radiocommunications Regulator announces he will finish in October 2012

The Government of Vanuatu is seeking a successor to the Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulator (TRR), Alan Horne. Mr Horne wrote to the Honourable Prime Minister in April stating he wished to return to his home in the UK in October of this year.

Alan said "I will have completed two years as Regulator in October and in that time developed a strong core ni Vanuatu Regulatory Team. I have enjoyed the role and am proud of what the staffs have achieved. It is time now for my wife and I to focus on family responsibilities back in Wales."

Dalsie Baniala, Manager of Communications and Consumer Affairs from TRR, stated "It may take up to six months to seek a successor Regulator. For this reason Mr Horne has announced his intention now, rather than only providing the single month notice as set out in the Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Act (the Act). It is important that the Government has a strong Regulator to implement Government Policy and independently regulate this vital industry. The Telecommunications industry is still at an early stage in Vanuatu. Both developing the regulatory team and industry requires another experienced telecoms regulatory candidate."

The Honourable Prime Minister has, in accordance with the recruitment procedure set out in the Act, appointed an Evaluation Committee (EC). The EC consists of the Governor of the Reserve Bank, a representative of the Judicial Services and a senior officer of the Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce none of which are actively involved in any political party. The EC after evaluating applications on merit will recommend to the Honourable Prime Minister, who is also Minister Responsible for Telecommunications, one or two candidates and their order of preference.

Prospective candidate can apply for the job application form via <u>jobs@trr.vu</u> Applications have to be submitted by the 18th June.

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