

19th January 2023

Mr. Renuke Wijewardhane,
Chief Regulatory Officer,
Colombo Stock Exchange,
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Dear Sir,

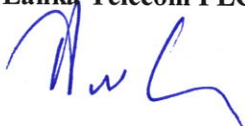
**SRI LANKA TELECOM PLC (“SLT”)
DISCLOSURE ON RATING ACTION BY FITCH RATINGS LANKA LTD.**

We write with reference to the provisions of the of the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange and wish to inform that Fitch Rating has revised SLT’s National Long-Term Rating to ‘A(lka)’ from ‘AA- (lka)’ The outlook is stable. Fitch has also downgraded the National Long-Term Rating on SLT’s senior unsecured debentures to ‘A(lka)’ from ‘AA-(lka).

The rating actions follows Fitch’s downgrading Sri Lankan sovereign’s Long Term Local Currency Issuer Default Rating to ‘CC’ from ‘CCC’ in December 2022. SLT’s ratings are influenced by parent Sri Lankan sovereign’s weak credit profile, under Fitch’s Parent and Subsidiary Linkage (PSL) Ratings Criteria. SLT’s standalone Credit Profile (SCP) is stronger than that of the State, reflecting the Company’s market leadership in fixed-line services and the second largest share in mobile, its ownership of an extensive optical fiber network and a strong financial profile.

The delay in making the announcement was due to the internal processes that were required to be followed prior to making the announcement.

Yours faithfully,
Sri Lanka Telecom PLC



Mahesh Athukorale
Group Company Secretary