UPDATE OF CHAPTER A (DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY OPERATIONS)¹ OF THE PERIODIC REPORT FOR 2007 ("THE PERIODIC REPORT")

OF "BEZEQ" - THE ISRAEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. LTD. (HEREINAFTER: "the Company")

In this report, which contains an update of the chapter regarding the description of the Company's business in the 2007 periodic report, the Company has included forward-looking information, as defined in the Securities Law 5728-1968 (hereinafter: the "Securities Law") with respect to both itself and the market. Such information includes forecasts, goals, appraisals and assessments which apply to future events or matters the occurrence of which are not certain and are not within the Corporation's control. Forward-looking information in this report will usually be identified specifically, or by employing statements such as "the Company expects", "the Company estimates", "it is the Company's intention", and similar statements.

Forward-looking information is not a proven fact and is based only on the Corporation's subjective assessment, which relies on its assumptions based, inter alia, on a general analysis of the information available at the time of drafting of this report, including public announcements, research and surveys, which contain no undertakings as to the correctness or completeness of the information contained therein, and whose correctness has not been independently corrected by the Corporation. The Corporation's assessments vary from time to time in accordance with the circumstances.

In addition, the occurrence or non-occurrence of the forward-looking information will be affected by factors that cannot be assessed in advance, and which are not within the Corporation's control Corporation, including the risk factors that characterize its operations as set out in this report, and additionally, developments in the general environment, and external factors and the regulation that affects the Corporation's operations, as set out in this report.

1. **Description of General Development of Group Operations**

Section 1.1 - Group Activity and Description of its Business Development

On March 12, 2008, the Gronau Committee appointed by the Minister of Communications to formulate detailed recommendations regarding policy and rules of competition in the field of communications in Israel (the "Gronau Committee") published its Report. Following are the principal summary recommendations:

Fixed-Line Sector

- To act to develop the wholesale market in the fixed-line sector, centered around the local loop unbundling (hereinafter - "LLU") obligation. In this context, the owners of the universal infrastructure are to be required to sell services wholesale and to lease access segments to competitors. For reasons of technological applicability, at this stage the local loop unbundling obligation will only apply to the Company.
- Within 15 months of the date of adoption of the recommendation by the Minister of Communications, the regulating body will publish maximum tariffs for the leasing of access segments and other services sold on the wholesale market (bitstream access services, resale, etc.) and the conditions for provision of such services. Such tariffs and conditions are to be determined subsequent to hearing the positions of the entities operating in the segment.
- To grant a permit to the Company's subsidiaries to supply non-degradable service packages², including Bezeg Fixed-Line telephony and broadband services and IPTV, after implementation of the arrangement set out in section 1 above. On that date, the subsidiaries of the Company shall also be entitled to receive special licenses for the supply of domestic carrier services that are not VOB.

The update is pursuant to Article 39A of the Securities Regulations (Periodic and Immediate Reports), 5730-1970, and includes material changes or innovations that have occurred in the corporation in any matter which must be described in the Periodic Report. The update relates to the Company's periodic report for 2006 [sic] and relates to the section numbers in Chapter A (Description of Company Operations) in such periodic report.

For which there is no obligation for any service included in such packages to be purchased individually under similar terms as provided in the service package.

- 4. So long as the Bezeq Group's market share is greater than 60%, supervision of the Company's tariffs shall continue in the format of fixing binding tariffs (fix); various restrictions (as set out in the recommendations) shall be set with respect to approval of alternative tariff bundles for the Company; with respect to supervised tariffs up until the middle of 2009, cost-based tariffs will be prescribed for call completion on the fixed-line network; with respect to non-supervised tariffs, "loyalty discounts" will be prohibited so long as the Company is a monopoly: PRI lines if there is no significant change in market share, the prices of these will come under supervision.
- 5. The structural separation in the Company is to remain so long as there are only two companies with nationally deployed fixed line infrastructure. Likewise, if the Minister of Communications finds, within a reasonable time of implementation of the local loop unbundling arrangement (no longer than two years), that the Company's actions are preventing expansion of competition in the domestic communications market, the recommendation is that he will exercise his powers under section 4(d2)(3) of the Communications Law regarding structural separation between operation of the infrastructure and operation of services at the Company.

Cellular Sector

It is necessary to accelerate the regulation processes required for the entry of virtual carriers, to accelerate the WiMAX tender in order to strengthen competition in the mobile sector and additionally, during 2009, to check the cost of call completion on mobile networks and to amend the tariff accordingly.

International Call Sector

International call tariffs via mobile telephones to be prescribed by the international calling company, and that company will make payments to the cellular company at the tariff determined in the Interconnect Regulations for call completion on mobile networks. Furthermore, new players controlled by the cellular companies shall be permitted entry into the international call sector.

Multi-Channel Television

- 1. Setting up of a "narrow basic channel package", including 5-10 channels (open channels and channels of special social or cultural value), with the possibility that the regulating body might determine the price of the package.
- Enforcement of structural separation between Hot Broadcasts and Hot Telecom in the framework of their licenses, in accordance with the existing format in place in the Company.

General

<u>Consumer Issues</u> - The OECD recommendations are a guiding framework for handling consumer issues. It shall be prohibited to change fixed tariffs in a contract with customers during the contract term, the term of contracts shall be limited to 18-24 months and the prevention of transfer due to the tying of purchase of a handset to purchase of services will be removed.

<u>Royalties</u> - adoption of the position taken by the Carol Committee regarding the gradual reduction of the rate of royalties payable by licensees, up to cancellation of such royalties in the future. If there is a reduction of taxes during 2008-2012, the royalties will be cancelled. It is proper that cancellation of the royalties accompany a parallel reduction in tariffs.

On August 13, 2008, the Minister of Communications announced his decision to adopt the Committee's recommendations, subject to changes and points of emphasis, which will become the Ministry's guiding policy for the coming years. The Minister's decision clarifies the regulatory situation to a certain extent. Hereunder, please find the principal changes and points of emphasis:

Structure Changes in the Fixed Line Sector

The Ministry of Communications will commence work on preparing the regulatory and pricing infrastructure required to establish a wholesale market, including arrangements for separation into segments (LLU). Nonetheless, in order to provide an incentive for the Company to implement the wholesale market arrangements as quickly as possible, the Company will be allowed to present the Ministry with a commercial agreement for the provision of wholesale services with any communications operator that is not a subsidiary of the Company.

The Minister agrees with the Committee regarding the importance of the fixed telephone infrastructure. Therefore, as long as the Minister thinks that it is appropriate to create incentives for the Company, which will advance rapid, universal deployment of the next generation network (NGN), he will work to do so.

Tariff Flexibility for Bezeq – Alternative Service Packages

In order to streamline the process for approving alternate payment packages and provide a higher level of certainty for the Company, the Minister decided to change the mechanism for approving alternate payment packages, such that the Company will not need to wait until the explicit approval of two Ministers is received but rather it will be able to offer a package 45 days subsequent to the detailed request being filed at the Ministry of Communications unless the Minister of Communications or the Minister of Finance informs it of their objection to the request. It should be noted that the Minister adopted the Committee's recommendation that as long as the Bezeq Group's market share is greater than 60%, regulation of the Company tariffs will continue in accordance with the current format of setting obligatory ("fix") tariffs. Regarding alternative payment packages, the maximum permitted discount rate will increase as the Group's market share for fixed telephony decreases (it will remain 15% as long as the market share is greater than 85%; 25% as long as the market share is between 75% and 85%; and 40% when as the market share is between 60% and 75%).

Competition in the Mobile Field

The Minister instructed the CEO of the Ministry of Communications to work towards advancing a licensing policy for virtual operators (MVNO).

<u>Multi-Channel Television Sector – Basic Package of Channels</u>

The Minister decided to conduct a more comprehensive examination of all aspects of the broadcast field. Therefore, in the near future, it is his intention to appoint a committee to provide recommendations regarding policy and terms of competition in the multi-channel and commercial television sector.

Structural Separation in the HOT Group

The Ministry will work in order to ensure that the companies in the Hot Group comply with the rules of structural separation established in their licenses, with the exception of the possibility available to the companies, of marketing packages of services that include services offered by the companies, on a regular basis as is currently permitted by their licenses, contrary to the committee's decision, which was that the terms of separation in the form applied to the Company, should be enforced.

The guidelines for structural separation must make it possible to implement the recommendations regarding the wholesale markets in general and its prices in particular.

<u>International Call Sector – Entrance of Players Controlled by Mobile Companies to the International Call Sector</u>

The Minister is of the opinion that the recommendations of the Committee regarding setting fees for outgoing international calls using a mobile network in the framework of the interconnect regulations should be advanced.

The Company is examining the decisions of the Minister and is unable to assess, at this stage, what their precise impact will be on its business results and those of its subsidiaries.

See also updates to sections 3.7, 4.1.2 and 5.1.3.5 below.

Section 1.1.4 - Holdings of the Company

The following are details of the current rate of holdings of the Company, fully diluted, assuming the exercise of all of the options actually allocated to employees of the Company as at the date of publication of this report (as set out in the Periodic Report for 2007 and in the update to section 1.3.2 below, including the allocation to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, made on June 1, 2008), and assuming the exercise of Ap. Sab. Ar.'s option to purchase approximately 10.66% of the State's shares in the Company.

| Shareholders | Percentage holdings as at 20.08.08 | Percentage holdings (fully diluted) |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ap. Sab. Ar. | 30.00% | 38.81% |
| State of Israel | 15.63% | 0.97% |
| Zeevi Group | 17.75% | 16.95% |
| The Public | 36.62% | 43.27% |

Section 1.1.5A - Mergers and Acquisitions - DBS

During the hearing of an appeal filed by the Company against the decision of the Antitrust Commissioner to object to the Company's merger with DBS, the Antitrust Tribunal proposed that the parties try to reach an agreement regarding approval of the merger with conditions. At this stage the court proceedings are continuing.

Section 1.1.6 - Realizations

With respect to satellite operations - on March 26, 2008, an agreement regarding the sale of the Company's satellite communications operations ("Inmarsat" and "Bezeq Sat") and assets relating to such operations, including the satellite communications site at the Ella Valley, was executed between the Company and RRsat Global Communications Network Ltd., a company registered in Israel whose shares are traded on NASDAQ in the USA. According to the agreement, the operations are to be sold for a consideration of a total amount in NIS equal to US \$ 15 million (at the representative rate on the date of payment) plus VAT, subject to price adjustments as a result of various stipulations and changes that might occur, if at all, to the operations during the period through the date of completion of the transaction. Completion of the transaction is subject, inter alia, to the regulatory consents of the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Communications and the Antitrust Commissioner. The Antitrust Commissioner gave his approval on June 4, 2008. If and when the transaction is completed at the maximum price as aforesaid, then the Company is expected to record a capital gain of approximately NIS 50 million (before tax)³ in respect thereof, subject to changes in the dollar representative rate.

<u>Section 1.3 – Investments in the Corporation's Equity and Transactions in its Shares</u> Section 1.3.2 - Employee Share Option Plans

Under the share option plan for senior managers and employees of the Group of November 2007 for the allocation of up to 65,000,000 options, since the date of publication of the 2007 periodic report, 17,200,000 additional options have been allotted (including the allotment of 9,000,000 options to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company) such that as of the date of this update, a net total (less options that have been forfeited) of 56,200,000 options have been allotted through the plan.

<u>Section 1.4 – Payment of Dividends</u>

On April 28, 2008, a cash dividend for a total amount of NIS 679 million was distributed to the Company shareholders, representing, as at the date of the distribution NIS 0.260648 per share, this having been approved by the General Meeting of shareholders of the Company on April 3, 2008.

On August 20, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the distribution of a cash dividend for a total amount of NIS 835 million to the Company shareholders, representing, as at the date of the distribution NIS 0.3205318 per share, this to be approved by the General Meeting of shareholders of the Company on September 28, 2008.

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³ Based on an exchange rate of NIS 3.576 = US\$ 1.00.

Section 1.5 - Financial Information regarding the Group's Areas of Operations

Section 1.5.3 - Principal Results and Operational Data

A. <u>Bezeq Fixed-Line (operations of the Company as domestic carrier)</u>

| | Q2 2008 | Q1 2008 | Q4 2007 | Q3 2007 | Q2 2007 | Q1 2007 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Revenues (NIS millions) | 1,354 | 1,408 | 1,453 | 1,425 | 1,393 | 1,442 |
| Operating Profit (NIS millions) | 428 | 368 | 340 | 327 | 243 | 369 |
| Depreciation and amortization (NIS millions) | 211 | 218 | 232 | 236 | 236 | 237 |
| EBITDA (NIS millions) | 639 | 586 | 572 | 563 | 479 | 606 |
| Payments for investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (NIS millions)* | 132 | 158 | 141 | 149 | 101 | 113 |
| Proceeds received from sale of property, plant and equipment (NIS millions)* | 25 | 60 | 23 | 16 | 96 | 18 |
| Number of active subscriber lines at the end of the period (thousands) | 2,682 | 2,713 | 2,761 | 2,767 | 2,778 | 2,797 |
| Average monthly revenue per line (NIS)** | 82.6 | 84.9 | 85.8 | 85.6 | 85.1 | 88.3 |
| Number of outgoing call minutes used (millions) | 3,413 | 3,594 | 3,738 | 3,849 | 3,753 | 3,914 |
| Number of incoming call minutes used (millions) | 1,191 | 1,182 | 1,164 | 1,149 | 1,069 | 1,045 |
| Number of ADSL subscribers at the end of the period (thousands) | 982 | 970 | 963 | 942 | 924 | 912 |
| Average monthly revenue per ADSL subscriber (NIS). | 57.7 | 58.1 | 58.1 | 58.5 | 58.1 | 57.4 |

^{*} Data for Q1 2008 were updated retroactively, in order to reflect the timing of payments of investments in property, plant and equipment and receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment.

^{**} Not including revenues from transmission and data communications services, services to communications providers, and other contractor work. In this item, insignificant adjustments were made to prior quarters in order to present nominal, non-standardized figures.

B. Pelephone

| Pelephone | Q2 2008 | Q1 2008 | Q4 2007 | Q3 2007 | Q2 2007 | Q1 2007 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Revenues (NIS millions) | 1,188 | 1,173 | 1,182 | 1,203 | 1,152 | 1,147 |
| Operating Profit (NIS millions) | 266 | 215 | 133 | 219 | 240 | 213 |
| Depreciation and amortization (NIS millions) | 130 | 129 | 126 | 121 | 115 | 117 |
| EBITDA (NIS millions) | 396 | 344 | 259 | 340 | 355 | 330 |
| Net profit (NIS millions) | 180 | 163 | 104 | 154 | 173 | 154 |
| Cash flows from current operations (NIS millions) | 351 | 264 | 252 | 392 | 246 | 359 |
| Payments for investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (NIS millions) | 182 | 103 | 120 | 81 | 117 | 63 |
| Proceeds received from sale of property, plant and equipment (NIS millions) | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Number of subscribers at end of period (thousands) | 2,636 | 2,595 | 2,622 | 2,560 | 2,513 | 2,478 |
| Average minutes of use per subscriber (MOU) per month | 358 | 355 | 358 | 363 | 350 | 344 |
| Average monthly revenue per subscriber (NIS) (ARPU) | 128 | 126 | 130 | 135 | 129 | 132 |
| Number of 3G subscribers at end of period (thousands) | 977 | 867 | 749 | 607 | 471 | 358 |
| Revenues from value added services and content, as a percentage of total cellular service revenues | 15.5% | 15.0% | 13.6% | 12.8% | 12.5% | 12.0% |

C. <u>Bezeq International</u>

| | Q2 2008 | Q1 2008 | Q4 2007 | Q3 2007 | Q2 2007 | Q1 2007 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Revenues (NIS millions) | 326 | 314 | 334 | 326 | 321 | 323 |
| Operating Profit (NIS millions) | 63 | 54 | 46 | 54 | 53 | 51 |
| Depreciation and amortization (NIS millions) | 20 | 20 | 21 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| EBITDA (NIS millions) | 83 | 74 | 67 | 75 | 75 | 74 |
| Net profit (NIS millions) | 47 | 41 | 38 | 39 | 39 | 37 |
| Cash flow from current operations (NIS millions) | 51 | 8 | 30 | 34 | 32 | (1) |
| Payments for investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (in NIS millions)* | 31 | 28 | 36 | 29 | 18 | 8 |
| Proceeds received from sale of property, plant and equipment (in NIS millions) | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - |

^{*} This item also includes long-term investments in assets.

D. DBS

| | Q2 2008 | Q1 2008 | Q4 2007 | Q3 2007 | Q2 2007 | Q1 2007 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Revenues (NIS millions) | 380 | 381 | 347 | 360 | 354 | 354 |
| Operating Profit (NIS millions) | 43 | 26 | 4 | (4) | 31 | 25 |
| Depreciation and amortization (NIS millions) | 60 | 65 | 70 | 66 | 69 | 68 |
| EBITDA (NIS millions) | 103 | 91 | 74 | 62 | 100 | 93 |
| Net profit (loss) (NIS millions) | (99) | (66) | (75) | 70 | (65) | (48) |
| Cash flows from current operations (NIS millions) | 32 | 84 | 76 | 56 | 25 | 93 |
| Payments for investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets* (in NIS millions) | 40 | 79 | 81 | 84 | 45 | 45 |
| Proceeds received from sale of property, plant and equipment (in NIS millions) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Number of subscribers (as at the end of the period, thousands) | 551 | 549 | 549 | 545 | 543 | 542 |
| Average monthly revenue per subscriber (NIS). | 230 | 231 | 212 | 220 | 218 | 218 |

^{*} This item also includes investments in the cost of acquisition of subscribers

<u>Section 1.7 – General Environment and Effect of External Factors on Group Operations</u>

The acquisition of 15% of the share capital of HOT by Netvision, reported by Discount Investments, if and to the extent concluded, might strengthen the position of the IDB Group and HOT as a communications group in competition with the Group.

2. Fixed-Line Domestic Communications –

"Bezeg" – The Israel Telecommunications Corp. Limited ("the Company")

Section 2.1 – General information on areas of operation

Section 2.1.2 - Limitations set by legislation and standards and special restrictions

Recently, on June 1, 2008, the Company's tariffs change. The interconnect charges to the Company were reduced, effective June 11, 2008.

Section 2.1.3 - Changes in volume of activity and profitability in the area

For changes in the volume of activity and profitability in this area, see update to section 1.5.3(a) above.

<u>Section 2.1.5 – Technological changes that are necessary to significantly impact on the area of activity</u>

Subsection A – Regarding the adaptation of company infrastructure to high broadband, see the updates to sections 2.6.7 and 2.7.2, below, regarding NGN.

Section 2.2 - Products and Services

Section 2.2.2 - Telephony

On April 7, 2008, a draft amendment to the license and service file of the toll free service (1-800) was received from the Ministry of Communications. The significance of the amendment is, inter alia, that the Company's 1-800 subscribers will pay the cellular companies a higher tariff for calls made to them from the cellular network. On May 6, 2008, the Company sent its comments on the aforementioned amendment.

In respect of the Company's request to the Antitrust Commission for an exemption from a cartel arrangement to an arrangement with the cellular operators and fixed, domestic licensees for information services —on August 13, 2008, the Commissioner decided to grant a conditional exemption as a response to the Company's request.

Section 2.2.3 - internet access services

For changes in the number of ADSL subscribers, and the average monthly revenue per ADSL subscriber during the first quarter of 2008, see the update to the table in section 1.5.3(a) above.

With respect to broadband access services via internet service providers without purchasing a basic telephone service (ADSL only) - the Company commenced provision of this service on May 15, 2008.

Section 2.2.5B - Satellite Services and Broadcasting

See update to section 1.1.6 above with respect to the agreement for sale of the Company's satellite communications operations.

Section 2.3 - Breakdown of Revenues and Profitability of Products and Services

For updates of data regarding the breakdown of the Company's revenues based on products and services, see Note 12B to the financial statements of the Company for the period ended on June 30, 2008.

Section 2.6 - Competition

For an update regarding publication of the recommendations of the Gronau Committee, see the update to section 1.1 above.

Section 2.6.1

With respect to the Company's petition to the High Court of Justice with respect to the application to enforce the requirement of structural separation on HOT, on July 15, 2008, the Court decided that the petition will be corrected according to the Company's request, that a hearing will be set and the respondents will submit their responses prior to the hearing.

Regarding the policy for providing VOB services – on August 12, 2008, the Company applied to the Ministry and requested, for the sake of good order, to make an addition to the Services Addendum to the Company's license for broadband telephone service, if it reaches a market share of 85%.

Section 2.6.6A - Numbering and Number Portability

As at the end of June 2008, approximately 117,000 thousand lines have ported from the Company to competing companies (of these 45,000 in the second quarter) and approximately 10,000 lines ported to the Company (of these 4,000 in the second quarter) from competing companies.

On April 9, 2008, the Ministry of Communications gave notice to the Company and to other communications providers that it was considering amending the numbering plan and prescribing that with respect to the entitlement to number portability a "subscriber" would be deemed to include an NEP licensee to whom telephone numbers have been allocated and who pays for use thereof, and the end user will not be entitled to port such a number. On May 7, 2008, the Company submitted its comments to this amendment, claiming that it would amount to confiscation of the end user's right to decide whether to port the number or not.

On May 4, 2008, the Company received an Administrative Directive from the Ministry of Communications to the effect that a customer which has been allotted an abbreviated business dialing number (asterisk plus four digits) may port such a number.

<u>Section 2.6.6.b – Other Potential Competitive Infrastructures</u>

Regarding the hearing on the policy for allocating frequencies for wireless broadband access networks (WiMAX) – on July 30, 2008, the Ministry of Communications announced an additional hearing in which changes were made to the previous hearing. In this context, the Ministry announced that it is examining the possibility of amending the Communications Regulations (Telecommunications and Broadcast) (Frequencies for Wireless Access Devices) 5762-2002 which lists the devices that are exempt from permits pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Planning and Construction Law, so that it includes the 2.5 GHz and 3.7 GHz frequency ranges. The company is examining the draft policy to be presented at the hearing and will respond.

Section 2.6.7 – the Company's preparations for managing increased competition

Sub-section (i) regarding examination of the deployment of uniform infrastructure for the transmission of communications services – further to the decision of the Board of Directors of the Company to approve entry into detailed planning of an NGN (Next Generation Network) ("the **project**"), on June 26, 2008, the Board of the Directors of the Company decided to approve that the Company advance the project. In 2008, detailed plans will be made for the project, two areas will be set up as operational

pilots and soft switches will be purchased. The project will be conducted in a modular fashion and the Company will examine regularly and at each stage, the feasibility of continuing the project, and the requirement to update the project's outline. The content, pace of implementation and amounts to be invested in the project will be determined annually, as part of the Company's annual budget. In addition to the purchase approved on June 26, 2008, the Board of Directors approved, on July 31, 2008, the purchase of management systems and other equipment required for deployment of the new system. In this respect, see also the update to section 2.7.2, below, and note 3(e) to the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2008.

Section 2.7 – Fixed assets and Installations

Section 2.7.2 - Domestic, fixed-line communications infrastructure

NGN Network – The Company believes that the requirements of future communications services in the State of Israel, as in the entire world, will require increasing larger broad bands and an advanced IP platform. In order to provide a response to these needs, the Company intends to gradually establish, commencing in late 2008, an NGN network based on the core of the IP network and bringing fiber optic infrastructure to street switching cabinets (the topology of the network is referred to as "fiber to the curb" – FTTC). With this network, it is possible supply broadband technology up to 50 Mbit/s in the download channel and innovative added-value services. In addition, the NGN network will allow the Company to make the network more efficient. The project for establishing the new network will be implemented gradually with the pace of the deployment being tested annually. In this respect, see also the update of section 2.6.7, above, and note 3(e) to the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2008.

The information in this section includes forward-looking information based on the Company's assessments. The actual results are likely to be significantly different from these estimations, when attention is paid to the changes that will occur in technology and in the communications market.

Section 2.7.4 - Land

Subsection d – In Q1 2008, the Company did not sell any real estate assets. During Q2 2008, the Company sold three real estate assets with a total area of approximately 40,500 sq. meters of land and approximately 7,800 sq. meters of building for a total sum of approximately \$5.5 million.

Section 2.9 - Human Resources

Section 2.9.1 - Organizational structure and position of employees based on organizational structure

- A. With respect to the organizational structure the CFO and the VP Strategy and Business Development report only to the CEO.
- B. In May 2008, execution of the amendment to the new collective agreement regarding advancing the completion of implementation of the organizational structure, and regarding advancing dates of retirement and changes in the mix of retirees who are supposed to retire under the new collective agreement before the end of 2008.

Section 2.9.2 – Personnel according to employment framework

During the first six months of 2008, the number of employees of the Company fell from 7,614 employees at December 31, 2007, to 7,425 at June 30, 2008 (a <u>net</u> reduction of 189 employees) as a result of retirements from the Company (in parallel with the recruitment of employees required, such as sales representatives).

Note that out of the 975 employees who are supposed to terminate their employment at the Company between 2006-2008 under early retirement tracks or increased severance pay tracks, under the collective agreement of December 5, 2006 (see section 2.17.4(f) of the Periodic Report for 2007), at June 30, 2008, 965 employees had retired.

Section 2.9.6 – Employee remuneration schemes

Section 2.9.6.3 - for the allotment of options to senior managers and employees of the Group, including to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, see update to section 1.3.2 above.

Section 2.9.7 – Company officers and senior executives

On April 17, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Company, after receiving the approvals of the Remunerations Committee and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, approved the

conditions of employment of the Chairman of the Board of Directors as set out in the immediate report of the Company published on April 18, 2008. The conditions of employment of the Chairman of the Board of Directors were approved by the general meeting of shareholders of the Company on June 1, 2008.

Section 2.13 – Finance

Section 2.13.4 - Credit received after December 31, 2007

Commencing June 2008, the Company on occasion takes short-term, on-call loans, generally for insignificant amount. As of the date this update, the company does not have any such loans.

Section 2.13.6 – Credit Rating

On May 21, 2008, the Midroog Rating Company ("Midroog") gave notice that it had returned the Company's rating (which is Aa1) from negative to stable in light of the improvement in the Company's financial results, and the continued presentation of a strong financial profile, compensation for erosion in the fixed line communications segment via operations in the other segments and very low rates of financing despite the distribution of all of the net profit as dividend, after the transfer of the control core of the Company.

On August 12, 2008, Standard & Poor's ("S&P") gave notice that it is changing the Company's rating outlook (which is BBB+) from "negative" to "stable," on the basis of its re-examination of its operating performance and the leverage within the company. In its announcement, S&P noted that the company's rating relies, *inter alia*, on the Company's leadership as the national communications operator, its operational efficiency, the range of services it offers in the communications market and its adequate financial profile.

<u>Section 2.13.7 – Assessment of funds raising in the coming year (2008) and sources of financing</u>

In the Company's assessment, the Company is likely, from time to time, to raise short-term loans from banks and/or other credit providers to bridge gaps in cash flow as may arise, if at all, from time to time.

<u>Section 2.15 – Environmental Protection</u>

Following termination of the strike at the Ministry of the Environment, the process of obtaining operating permits was completed for most of the communications and broadcasting facilities.

Section 2.16 – Limitation and Regulation of Company Activities

Section 2.16.1 - Supervision of the Company's tariffs

Sub-section (a) (regarding the update of the Company's tariffs) – on March 20, 2008, a letter was received from the Ministry of Communications under which the next update (on June 1, 2008) would be based on the existing tariff outline prescribed by the Gronau Committee in 2003, in accordance with the formula set out in the Communications Regulations regarding calculation and linkage of payments for telecommunications services (the "Calculations Regulations"). According to the letter, after and to the effect that the Gronau Committee's recommendations are adopted regarding policy and rules of competition in the communications market, the path will be laid for the work of a commission to prescribe new tariff arrangements for the coming years. On June 1, 2008, the Company's tariffs were reduced in accordance with a formula fixed in the Calculation Regulations, at the average rate of approximately 2%, except for the fixed fee for a telephone line that was updated in accordance with the increase in the Cost-of-Living index (3.4%). The interconnect tariffs currently paid to domestic carriers by licensees were reduced by an average of approximately 2%, effective June 11, 2008. With respect to the update of the Company's tariffs, see also the update regarding publication of the recommendations of the Gronau Committee in section 1.1 above.

Section 2.16.2 – The Company's general license

On July 3, 2008, the Company received a draft amendment of the Company's license and the licenses of it subsidiary companies Pelephone, Bezeq International and D.B.S. regarding the marketing of joint packages of services. On July 27, 2008, the Company submitted its position to the Ministry of Communications, stating that the amendment of the licenses represents an intensification of regulation in comparison to the policy document of the Minister of Communications dated March 31, 2004, which is supposed to reflect relief for the Company, and it would be desirable to allow a model for marketing of joint packages of services that represents relief for the Company now that its market share has decreased to 85% or less, together with ministerial supervision using more moderate measures than

those proposed in the draft amendment to the license. Regarding the positions of the subsidiary companies on this matter, see the updates to sections 3.18.3.1, 4.1.2 and 5.6.5, below.

Regarding the main points of the general license – subsection c regarding tariffs – on April 14, 2008, the Company's license was amended so as to permit it to require a subscriber to pay using a direct debit or a credit card, except for a private subscriber who does not have a bank account. It should be noted that the Economics Committee of the Knesset discussed a proposal to amend the Consumer Protection Law, by which a communications business would not be permitted to make a transaction conditional on payment using a direct debit or credit card. If the law is amended according to this proposal, the Company will be unable, despite the amendment to its license, to require a private subscriber to pay using a direct debit or credit card.

Main points of the general license – subsection 11 (miscellaneous issues) – on May 17, 2008, the Ministry published a hearing regarding its policies and amendment of the operators' licenses regarding fair disclosure on telephone bills. In this context, it is examining imposing new requirements on the operators regarding details and computation of bills. It should be noted that approximately three years ago, the licenses were amended so that a standard was adopted for telephone bills. The Company submitted its position on the matter on July 20, 2008, stating, *inter alia*, that there is no justification, neither from the consumers' perspective nor from an ethical perspective, to make changes in the Company's telephone bills. This would also be harmful to some of the Company's customers while being of no benefit to others. In its position, the Company claimed that since the demands being considered would require very extensive development and resources to implement and because of the technical issues involved, it would be worthwhile, before a decision is made, to discuss the matter with the Company.

Section 2.16.5 - Immunities

On May 19, 2008, the Company received a letter, dated May 18, 2008, from the Ministry of Communications, addressed to communications licensees, stating that the Ministry of Communications is of the opinion that following the adoption of the Civil Wrongs Ordinance Amendment (No. 10) Law, 5765-2005, under which the restrictions on the State's liability in tort were reduced, there might be grounds to consider reducing the existing immunity arrangement granted to general licensees and special general licensees. The licensees were requested to submit their positions to the Ministry of Communications by June 18, 2008. On July 31, 2008, the Company submitted its position to the Ministry of Communications stating that the said Amendment 10 does not change any of the arrangements regarding liability for torts to an extent that justifies reducing the existing immunity arrangement and assigning responsibility to the communications companies. Additionally, expansion of responsibility means placing a heavy burden on communications companies, including the Company, because of the potential extent of the indirect damages and the dimensions of the possible suits.

Section 2.16.7 - Antitrust laws

Subsection h.- with respect to the Antitrust Commissioner's ruling that the Company had abused its market status in handling an interconnection fault between the Company's network and that of HOT, against the backdrop of labor disruptions by the Company's employees - on March 16, 2008, the Company filed an appeal against the Commissioner's ruling. In this regard, see also Note 7C(1) to the financial statements of the Company for the period ended June 30, 2008.

Section 2.16.8 - Telegraph Regulations

Regarding the Company's use of radio frequencies — on October 25, 2007, the Ministry of Communications notified the Company that it is considering ordering it to cease using neighborhood radio and rural radio systems and the frequencies allocated to it for the purposes for which they are being used, including, in order to provide its services in areas where an infrastructure of telephone lines does not exist. On December 25, 2007, the Company submitted its response in which it clarified that the Ministry must allocate alternative frequencies and that the Ministry's requirement would create difficulties for the Company and require extensive deployment and operations that would entail significant expenses. Furthermore, the Company noted that it would be required, within a period of two years, to transfer subscribers from the existing systems to new systems and demanded that the State bear the cost of the migration from the systems that the Company would be required to evacuate.

Section 2.16.9 - Proposed Legislation to Amend the Consumer Protection Law

During April 2008, an amendment of the Consumer Protection Law regarding fixed transactions was approved by the Knesset (the "Amendment"). Under the Amendment, dealers will be required to inform consumers of the date of termination of a fixed transaction prior to termination of such, and of the conditions that will apply after the date of termination. In addition, dealers will be required to obtain the positive consent of the consumer to continue with the contract beyond the fixed period. If positive consent is not obtained, the consumer will be disconnected from the service to which the fixed transaction applied, apart from basic telephone services as defined in the Communications Law (voice services). This Amendment will come into force as of 2009. The Company's hearing regarding the amendment to the Company's license and those of other licensees in this regard, proposed by the Ministry of Communications, is also continuing. Furthermore, the Knesset approve an amendment to the Consumer Protection Law regarding disconnection from ongoing services (effective October 2008) allowing a private subscriber to disconnect from ongoing service by using mail, electronic mail or telephone. In addition, the Knesset approved the amendment to the Consumer Protection Law (effective September 2008) which imposes, in certain circumstances, fines if a technician is late and an amendment to the Communications Laws regarding junk mail (effective November 2008), according to which requires, among other provisions, as a general rule, a subscriber's explicit permission to receive advertising by way of mail, electronic mail, facsimile, automatic dialing systems and SMS.

The Company is examining the significance of the implementation of these amendments and is preparing to implement them.

Section 2.16.11 - Erection of communications installations - NOP 36

On April 17, 2008, the Company submitted its objections to the proposed wording of the National Communications Outline plan NOP/36A regarding small broadcast installations, and the National Communications Outline Plan NOP/36B regarding large broadcast installations. In summary, the objections are that the plans, as currently worded, particularly with respect to the changes in definitions of small and large broadcast installations, give rise to practical difficulties which might prevent the Company from providing the public with some of the varied services that it provides, and that it is required by law to provide.

Establishing communications facilities in the territories

On July 29, 2008, the Company received notification that in June 2008 National Master Plan 56, which regularizes construction and licensing of communications facilities in the territories, took effect. The plan includes transition instructions for facilities that were constructed prior to 1984 and for existing facilities. The Company is examining the subject and, as of the date this report, it is not able to evaluate the expected ramifications.

Section 2.17 - Significant Agreements

<u>With respect to section 2.17.4(f) – the new collective agreement of December 5, 2006</u> – regarding the amendment to the agreement, see update to section 2.9.1 above.

Section 2.17.5 - Management Agreement

On July 31, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Company decided (subsequent to approval by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors on June 26, 2008) to approve the extension of the relationship and management contract with AP. SB. AR. Cayman L.P., a related company to Ap.Sb.Ar., for a period of three additional years commencing January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2011, according to the conditions of the original agreement. The extension of the agreement requires the approval of the general meeting of the Company's shareholders which has been called for September 28, 2008.

<u>Section 2.18 – Legal proceedings</u>

For updates on the subject of legal proceedings, see Note 7 to the financial statements of the Company for the period ended June 30, 2008.

Section 2.19 – Goals and Business Strategy

Section 2.19.2 - Summary of Strategy and Directions for the Future

Regarding the Company's network – see sections 2.6.7 and 2.7.2, above, on the subject of NGN.

3. Cellular – Pelephone Communications Ltd. ("Pelephone")

Section 3.2.1 - Services

At the end of March 2008, the Ministry of Communications published a document of a public hearing regarding the policy of regulating the provision of telephone trading services via a public telecommunications network. Telephone trading services including voice and visual information services, entertainment services, dating services, etc., provided to subscribers via terminal equipment connected to a network. It is important to note that the field of telephone trading services is a significant source of income in the content world of Pelephone and the other cellular carriers. Following the proposed regulation, the Regulator is seeking to dramatically change the conduct of the telephone trading services sector, in a way that it is also likely to harm Pelephone's revenues in this area. The Ministry of Communications has asked all relevant persons operating in the field of telephone trading for responses to the aforesaid hearing by May 29, 2008. Pelephone submitted its position in this regard, in which it, among others, requested that the Ministry of Communications hold frontal discussions on the subject of the hearing prior to making any decisions.

Section 3.7 - Competition

For an update regarding publication of the recommendations of the Gronau Committee, see the update to section 1.1 above.

On August 13, 2008, Minister of Communications published a document regarding adoption of the recommendations of the Gronau Committee. Following are the main points that relate to Pelephone:

- 1. The Minister instructed the CEO of the Ministry of Communications to work to promote the licensing of virtual operators (MVNO) while making it possible for the relevant parties to express their opinion on the subject to the Ministry of Communications. In the event that within a period of six months from the date that a virtual operator applies to a mobile operator, the parties do not reach an agreement regarding the provision of virtual services, the Minister will examine the reasons for this and, subsequent to a hearing with the relevant parties, consider issuing instructions on the matter in accordance with his authority.
- 2. It is the intention of the Minister to promote a change in the tariff structure for outgoing international calls using the mobile network, in the context of interconnect regulations so that the international carrier will determine the tariffs for these calls and, in the context of its accounting with the mobile operators, the international operator will transfer only interconnect charges to the mobile operator. A hearing with the relevant parties is to be held regarding the implementation of his policy.

According to the Minister's position, international licenses should not be issued to existing mobile operators, at this stage.

Regarding Section 3.7.2

Recently the Minister of Communications expressed his position according to which he intends to promote the issuance of MVNO licenses in the near future. The Minister stated that the Ministry would examine a variety of possibilities for receiving MVNO licenses, ranging from a reseller model to full operation.

Section 3.10 – Intangible Assets

Regarding Section 3.10.2 - Right to use frequencies

During 2008, Pelephone asked the Ministry of Communications to execute its right for the allocation of frequencies in the 2100 MHZ range. In order to execute this right, Pelephone is required to pay approximately NIS 178 million in respect of retroactive licensing and frequency fees from the day it won the tender for the frequencies through the day that it executed its right for allocation of the frequencies.

Section 3.17 – Environment

Regarding Section 3.17.1

On July 17, 2008, a petition was filed on behalf of The Forum for Sane Cellular Consumption and the Israel Union for Environmental Defense with the High Court of Justice requesting an order nisi against the Minister for Environmental Protection, the Minister of Communications and others because of an

alleged failure to reach an agreement on the wording of regulations by virtue of sections 25(a)(2) and 25(a)(5) of the Non-ionizing Radiation Law, 5766-2006, despite the obligation stated in the law to issue the said regulations by January 1, 2007. Furthermore, a declaration was requested that until these regulations are issued no construction permits or operating permit would be issued for sources of radiation intended for cellular communications. Simultaneously, a request was also filed for an interim order not to issue construction permits or operating permits for sources of radiation intended for cellular communications until a ruling is made on the petition.

<u>Section 3.18 – Restriction and Control of Pelephone's Actions</u>

Section 3.18.1.4 - the Consumer Protection law

During the month of April 2008, an amendment of the Consumer Protection Law regarding fixed transactions was approved by the Knesset. In this regard, see section 2.16.9 above. Pelephone is examining significance of implementing this regulation and is preparing to implement it.

Section 3.18.3 - Pelephone's license

Regarding subsection 3.18.3.1(e), during June 2008, the Ministry of Communications published a hearing regarding proper disclosure on telephone bills. During this hearing, a variety of changes in the structure of the invoice were proposed. The hearing was based on the recommendations of the Subcommittee of the Knesset Economics Committee and recommendations of the professional committee of the Ministry of Communications regarding the structure of the invoice, which completed its work recently. Pelephone submitted its position to the Ministry of Communications. Implementation of the recommendations as proposed will require Pelephone to make appropriate operational arrangements.

Regarding subsection 3.18.3.1(f) – during the month of March 2008, the Ministry of Communications made a decision to implement the amendment of the MRT licenses under which the maximum obligation term for customers who are not business customers would be reduced to 18 months, and the carriers would be required to offer customers a reasonable no-obligation alternative. This resolution was passed following a hearing into this matter. Implementation of the amendment commenced on April 22, 2008.

Section 3.18.3.1(g) – during the first quarter of 2008, Pelephone submitted its response to a hearing regarding fixed-term transactions, with respect to the policy format presented. However, on April 14, a request was received from the Ministry of Communications for responses to a further hearing in this regard, under which the Ministry of Communications proposed a new ruling to the effect that a fixed tariff would apply during the obligation period, i.e., as different from the previous hearing: the current amendment proposes that during the obligation period, it will not be possible to amend tariffs. Pelephone submitted its response to the Ministry.

Following are additional changes that are being considered by the Ministry of Communications:

- Further to the hearing held on the subject during July 2008, the Ministry of Communications published a legal opinion stating that it is prohibited to make the purchase of a Third Generation (3G) instrument conditional on the purchase of 3G services. According to this opinion, customers must be offered an economically effective alternative for purchasing a 3G instrument without a package of 3G services.
- 2) According to the policy document of the Ministry of Communications from 2004, the Company will be permitted to market joint packages of services with its subsidiary companies when its market share for fixed telephony services drops to 85%. In the very near future, the Company's market share will reach 85%. Therefore, the Ministry of Communications recently announced the hearing including the proposed amendments to Pelephone's license. According to the proposed amendment, the Company and Pelephone will be permitted to market combined packages (for fixed and mobile telephony) but only subsequent to approval being received from the Minister of Communications for marketing the package, on the condition that the package will be completely broken up, meaning that each component of the package will also be offered to customers, at the same price, outside of the package, and on the condition that can be proved that similar packages are available in the market. Pelephone submitted its response to the hearing, in which it expressed its objection to the proposed change.

Section 3.18.3.3 – License for Building Sites

On May 1, 2008, the Attorney General expressed his position regarding wireless access devices and stated that he accepts the opinion that the exemption, according to its wording and purpose, also applies to wireless communications devices for cellular communications and that the exemption

represents the balance that the legislator created between the various interests. Despite this, and because of changes and developments in the law and the factual reality, the Attorney General asked that an inter-ministerial committee re-examine the significance and ramifications of continued application of the exemption for cellular devices, the purpose of developing an updated position regarding a worthy justification for the exemption for cellular telephone devices, by the end of 2008.

On May 22, 2008, Tel Aviv District Court, sitting as a Court of Appeals, handed down a ruling regarding the issue of wireless access devices. The main points of its determination were as follows:

- a. The exemption from a building permit does not apply to access devices operating in a cellular network that were constructed on the roofs of buildings.
- b. Wireless access devices, as defined by law, are fixed devices.
- c. The antenna is not included the definition of an exception to the requirement for a building permit for an "internal change in an apartment."

Pelephone disagrees with the District Court's ruling and on June 10, 2008, it filed a request for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court.

On July 21, 2008, the Union of Local Authorities in Israel and others filed a petition with the High Court requesting an order nisi instructing the Attorney General to appear and explain, *inter alia*, why the enforcement guidelines he issued to municipal prosecutors stating that charges are not be filed and administrative demolition orders are not to be issued for the construction and operation of the cellular access devices without a permit should not be cancelled. Furthermore, the High Court was asked to determine, *inter alia*, that the position of the Attorney General (in a document dated May 1, 2008) suffers from an extreme lack of reasonableness. Furthermore, a request was made for an interim order to the Attorney General instructing him to defer or suspend the validity of the enforcement guidelines or, alternately, to forbid the construction of cellular access devices without a building permit, until the court meets and rules on the petition.

It is hereby clarified that Pelephone continues to construct wireless access devices. If Pelephone's position is rejected by the courts, in whole or in part, it will have an adverse impact on the possibility of deploying sites, the pace of deployment, etc. In the event that it is necessary to cease the operation of access devices, there will also be damage to service in the areas where these devices operate.

Section 3.21 – Legal proceedings

For updates on the subject of legal proceedings, see Note 7 to the financial statements of the Company for the period ended June 30, 2008.

4. <u>International Communications, Internet Services and NEP – Bezeq International</u> Ltd. ("Bezeq International")

Section 4.1.2 – Statutory and Standards Limitations on Bezeg International

On March 12, 2008, a report was published by the Committee to Formulate Detailed Recommendations on Policy and Rules of Competition in the field of Communications in Israel headed by Prof. Reuven Gronau. Inter alia, the report includes recommendations regarding the areas of operations of Bezeq International, which, if adopted by the Ministry of Communications in setting its policy, will affect the management of Bezeq International's business. Additionally, the Committee recommended: that a permit be given to the subsidiaries of the Company to supply unbundled service packages, including the Company's telephony and broadband services, after implementation of the local loop unbundling arrangement (see update to section 1.1 above); that on such date, the subsidiaries shall be granted special domestic carrier licenses for the provision of domestic carrier services that are not VOB; and that the entry of new players controlled by the mobile telephony companies shall be permitted into the international call sector, after the method of prescription of tariffs for international calls via mobile handsets is changed so that the international call tariff is set by the international calling company, which will pay the cellular carrier in accordance with the tariff set out in the Interconnect Regulations for call completion.

For an update regarding publication of the recommendations of the Gronau Committee, see also update to section 1.1 above.

On August 13, 2008, the Minister of Communications published his decision regarding setting policy and competition guidelines in the field of communications in Israel, on the basis of the conclusions of

the Gronau Commission, which were published in March 2008. In the estimation of Bezeq International, the decisions of the Minister will not have an impact on its business operations in the near future and, in any case, it is currently unable to assess their possible long-term impact since the implementation of changes in its field of activity require, according to the Minister's decision, completion of an extended process of preparing regulatory infrastructure, whose nature is uncertain at this time, as well as the creation of new market arrangements, for which it is unclear when and if they will exist.

On July 3, 2008, Bezeq International received a letter from the Director-General of the Ministry of Communications on the subject of the amendment to its general license regarding the sale of packages of services that include both its services and the services of the Company, to which drafts of the amendment to the licenses of Bezeq International and the Company were appended. In the response written to the said letter and during the hearing on this matter that was held in the Ministry of Communications on July 30, 2008, Bezeq International notified the Ministry of Communications of its objections to the proposed wording of the amendment to its general license because, on one hand, the amendment will not alleviate the limitations that currently apply to it and the Company as regards the sale of joint packages of service and, on the other hand, the proposed amendment could change its current situation for the worse and discriminate against it in comparison to its competitors.

Section 4.9 – Intangible Assets

On March 23, 2008, Bezeq International signed an agreement with Gil A.R. Telecom Systems ("**Gil A.R.**") under which Bezeq International acquired all of the operations of Gil A.R. relating to the sale, leasing and service of communications products and switches manufactured by Avaya Office.

Section 4.14 - Investments

As at June 30, 2008, Bezeq International held 34.25% (32.42% under full dilution) of the share capital of Walla! Communications Ltd.

Section 4.19 – Legal proceedings

With respect to section 4.19.2 of the Periodic Report of the Company for 2007, regarding the claim filed against Bezeq International and against two other international carriers on grounds of breach of patent for a pre-paid telephone system by persons claiming to be the inventors and owners of such patent, on April 16, 2008, counsel for the plaintiffs filed a notice to the Court in which he gave notice that the settlement negotiations being conducted by the parties had not resulted in any agreement. According to the court's decision, the preliminary proceedings in the case will be completed by October 23, 2008, and the pretrial was scheduled for November 9, 2008.

For further updates on the subject of legal proceedings, see Note 7 to the financial statements of the Company for the period ended June 30, 2008.

5. Multi-channel Television – D.B.S. Satellite Services (1998) Ltd. ("DBS")

Section 5.1.3 – Developments in markets in the area of operations

Section 5.1.3.3 – the private bill regarding the inclusion of two designated channels and the education television channel in the DTT system was approved in a preliminary reading by the Knesset Plenum. A number of private bills dealing with the addition of other channels to the cluster of channels intended for broadcast via the DTT system were also submitted to the Knesset and to the best of DBS's knowledge, they are currently in the initial processes of enactment.

Section 5.1.3.5 – in March 2008, the Minister of Communications published the recommendations of the Gronau Committee. The recommendations deal with the areas of telephony, internet and multichannel broadcasts. Among other recommendations, the Committee recommended requiring multichannel broadcasting companies to offer their subscribers a narrow channel package containing 5-10 channels, having the characteristics set out in the recommendations. The Committee also recommended not to remove the structural separation applying to the Company at this stage, due to its status in the field of fixed-line telephony, and recommended that subsidiaries of the Company, including DBS, not be allowed to supply "service packages" including the Company's services (including IPTV services) until its other recommendations regarding infrastructure and the Company's services are implemented. DBS expressed its opposition to and reservations regarding the recommendations to the Minister of Communications.

For an update regarding publication of the recommendations of the Gronau Committee and the decisions of the Minister, see also the update to section 1.1 above.

In June 2008, the Council published a hearing regarding a new policy relating to broadcast of sports on multi-channel television, effective January 2009. According to the hearing, the Council's intention is to expand the protection of content broadcast on the basic sports channel (Channel 5) and the channel known as Channel 5+ and to impose limitations on the broadcast of live sporting events on the pay sports channels. Furthermore, according to the hearing, the imposition of an obligation to broadcast certain sporting events using the PPV method for a defined payment is being considered. In July 2008, DBS submitted its response, in which it objected to implementation of the policy discussed at the hearing.

Section 5.6.5 – Principal methods for coping with competition

Section 5.6.5(g) – "package of services" – as of April 2008, DBS has ceased marketing a package of services to its subscribers containing broadcasts and high-speed internet connection infrastructure, and has commenced selling the Company's promotions of high-speed internet connection infrastructure such that subscriber contracts regarding such infrastructure are performed with the Company only. DBS has the option of contracting with a subscriber directly and transferring compensation from the subscriber to the Company.

On July 3, 2008, DBS received a letter from the Ministry of Communications stating that the Ministry is considering an amendment to the Company's license as a supplementary amendment to the amendment of the DBS license that would make it possible to offer a package of services according to the following principles:

The package of services will be unbundled so that it will be possible to purchase each of the services offered in the package of services separately for the same price it is offered in the package, a package of services may not be offered if is not also offered by the cable companies, marketing of the package of services must be approved by prior request by DBS to the Ministry of Communications. These instructions relate to any service offered by DBS together with services from the Company.

In its response to the letter of July 27, 2008, DBS objected to the proposed amendment to its license. In its response, DBS also claimed that offering the possibility of offering an unbundled package of services does not provide a true response to the package of services offered by its competitor and that the amendments must apply to marketing of the Company's telephony services only and not to other services, such as internet infrastructure services. Furthermore, DBS claims that it is necessary to change the supervisory mechanism for offering and services so that is not obliged to receive prior permission from the Ministry of Communications but rather required only to notify it and that offering packages of services should not be limited to offering services of the Company that are also offered by the cable companies.

Section 5.13 - Finance

Section 5.13.6 –at June 30, 2008, DBS is in compliance with the financial stipulations under the financing agreement (after the concession was received).

Section 5.13.8 – since debentures (series A) that were issued by DBS were not registered for trading until July 31, 2008, they will begin bearing annual interest at the rate of 8.4% from that date.

Section 5.15.1 – Subordination of Activity to Specific Laws

During April 2008, the Knesset approved an amendment to the Consumer Protection Law regarding group transactions. On this matter see the update to section 2.16.9, above.

Section 5.16.2 – Space segment lease agreements

Second space agreement – on April 28, 2008, the Amos 3 satellite, to be operated by HLL, and intended as a downstream satellite for Amos 1 and Amos 2, was successfully launched. In July 2008, its positioning in space was completed. Commencing June 30, 2008, DBS ceased using the satellite Amos 1 and it now uses the satellites Amos 2 and Amos 3 for its satellite segments.

On July 15, 2008, DBS and HLL signed an amendment to the second space agreement (subject to the approval of the authorized bodies of the two parties) stating, *inter alia*, that DBS will lease 13 space segments from HLL, instead of 14 and DBS will cease leasing the 13th segment until another agreement is made between the parties, according to the mechanism stated in the agreement.

Furthermore, a mechanism for back-up was set up using satellite Amos 3 in the event that space segments are not available on satellite Amos 2.

Section 5.17 – Joint Venture agreements

Section 5.17.1 – as set out in the update to section 5.6.5(g), this joint venture has ended.

<u>Section 5.18 – Legal Proceedings</u>

Regarding the claim against Pace and the counterclaim (section 5.18.1): on July 3, 2008, the registrar rejected the respondent's request to erase the suit, while determining that the nominal amount in the statement of claim is the maximum amount that DBS may receive if it wins the suit, including the amount of value added tax for which it was required to pay a fee. Similarly, the request of DBS to grant an order correcting the statement of defense and the statement of countersuit submitted by the respondent was rejected. A pretrial hearing was set for December 16, 2008.

The class action claim regarding the sports channel (section 5.18.6): on May 29, 2008, DBS, in cooperation with the cable company, submitted a summary of its claims regarding the primary appeal and also a summary of its claims regarding the counter-appeal. On June 23, 2008, appellants submitted summaries of their responses to the primary appeal and a summary of their response to the counter-appeal. On July 9, 2008, D.B.S., in cooperation with the cable company, filed summaries of their response to the counter-appeal. A court date for the hearing the appeal and counter-appeal has been set for November 25, 2008.

Re the deficit demand from the Customs Department (Section 5.18.7): In April 2008, the Taxation Authority stated that there is nothing preventing the VAT in the cash invoice from being paid by DBS, which shall be entitled to deduct the input tax contained therein. Therefore, DBS paid the value added tax. In July 2008, the parties signed a compromise agreement that brings to an end the dispute over the demand for deficit taxes, subject to the payment of approximately NIS 1.5 million by DBS.

For further updates on the subject of legal proceedings, see Note 7 to the financial statements of the Company for the period ended June 30, 2008.

Section 5.21.3 – Special risks to DBS

Section 5.21.3.5 - as set out in the update to section 5.16.2 above, commencing July 2008, DBS ceased using the Amos 1 satellite and it now uses the Amos 2 and Amos 3 satellites.

Section 5.21.3.6 as stated above, commencing July 2008 HLL is the only owner of rights with whom DBS has a contract for leasing space segments.

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