

Telcos yet to agree on key RAO terms for 5G implementation

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KUALA LUMPUR: Celcom Axiata Bhd, Digi Telecommunications Sdn Bhd, Maxis Bhd and U Mobile Sdn Bhd have yet to agree to key terms in the reference access offer (RAO) that was recently published by Digital Nasional Bhd (DNB).

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"To that end, the MNOs remain in discussions with MCMC to seek more clarity on some of the details in the published RAO.

"A recent analyst report may suggest that open topics between DNB and its key prospective customers had been resolved, but this interpretation would be inaccurate," they said.

The MNOs view that most concerns and issues previously raised and discussed with MCMC and DNB have not yet been adequately addressed in the current document, including key principles proposed for the RAO to be consistent with industry best practices.

"As a result, the RAO in its current published form will not enable affordable and quality 5G services for the rakyat and businesses in Malaysia and will impede the acceleration of 5G services and penetration in the country," they said.

The MNOs said they remain committed to continued discussions with MCMC and the industry on the RAO and look forward to playing an active role in 5G implementation in line with the nation's digital ambitions.

"5G will bring significant benefits to businesses, customers, and government in strengthening Malaysia's competitiveness in the region," they said.