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Dear Madam,

## "AXIATA SAYS MALAYSIAN MERGER WITH TELENOR TO BE SEALED WITHIN DAYS-REUTERS": CLARIFICATION

We write with reference to your e-mail dated 17 June 2021 seeking clarification pertaining to an article published in the Daily Mirror newspaper on 17 June 2021 titled "Axiata Says Malaysian merger with Telenor to be sealed within days-Reuters" and would like to extend the following clarification to the CSE.

Axiata Group Berhad (Axiata), the ultimate holding Company of Dialog Axiata PLC (Dialog) announced on 8 April 2021 that Axiata and Telenor Asia had entered into discussions with the aim of merging Axiata's telco operations, namely that of Celcom Axiata Berhad in Malaysia with Telenor's Digi.com Berhad in Malaysia ("Proposed Merger"). As the Proposed Merger involves only Axiata's operations in Malaysia, it will therefore have no impact to operations of Dialog.

Furthermore, the Proposed Merger does not have an impact on the shareholding of Axiata or its stake in Dialog.

Yours sincerely,

**DIALOG AXIATA PLC** 

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