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**MyCC MONITORS PLUS AND TOUCH 'n GO ON
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RFID**

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 JANUARY 2022 – On 17 January 2022, The Malaysia Competition Commission (“MyCC”) held a discussion with PLUS Malaysia Berhad (PLUS) and Touch ‘n Go Sdn Bhd (Touch ‘n Go) in relation to the implementation of RFID along PLUS highways. The discussion is yet another initiative taken by MyCC in order to have a better understanding on the nature of the matter and the latest progress in relation to the implementation of RFID.

While it welcomes innovation such as the introduction of RFID in the toll collection system, MyCC believes that the implementation of the system needs to be carried out effectively in order to achieve its objective. MyCC takes cognisance of the plans to ensure a seamless transition to RFID for highway users and the cooperation between PLUS and Touch ‘n Go in the relevant toll collection system. In light of the increasing complaints by consumers on the issues related to the implementation of RFID across PLUS highways, MyCC also shared its assessment and concerns in the same meeting on the said implementation including enabling access to other payment platforms for the payment of tolls not only via debit or credit cards but also other e-wallet systems.

MyCC will also focus its efforts in consistently monitoring the development of the said implementation in line with its role in championing and promoting the process of competition in the interest of all Malaysians.

“Taking into account the special responsibilities arising from the dominant positions of both enterprises in the relevant markets, MyCC will continue to monitor the situation from time to time and when any competition concern is identified, the Competition Act 2010 will be enforced. Secondly, it is pertinent to remember that innovation-related

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markets can create uncertainty. Thus, MyCC will work closely with the Government to ensure these changes will always serve the consumers' best interest," said Iskandar Ismail, Chief Executive Officer of MyCC.

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About Malaysia Competition Commission (MyCC)

Established in June 2011, MyCC is an independent body responsible for enforcing the Competition Act 2010, which was implemented to create healthy competition which would, in turn, stimulate productivity and innovation, thus creating wider choices of products for consumers with better quality and reasonable prices.

The Act applies to all commercial activities undertaken within and outside of Malaysia that affect competition in the Malaysian market. It provides a regulatory framework including powers to investigate, adjudicate and impose penalties on the perpetrators of the competition laws.

MyCC celebrated its 10th anniversary on 1st April 2021 and announced the launch of its rebranding and redesigned logo to elevate its corporate identity. The Logo embodies the culture and colours of the organization as well as its strengths and work values. The symbol of the butterfly is globally known to represent endurance, change, hope and life. This new look also shows simplicity at its finest, signifying the changes and maturity of MyCC itself.

For more information on the Act and MyCC activities, log on to www.mycc.gov.my

ANNEXURE A

Notes to the Editor: Information on Section 4 and Section 10 of the Competition Act 2010

Section 4: Prohibited horizontal and vertical agreement

Section 4 (1) – A horizontal or vertical agreement between enterprises is prohibited insofar as the agreement has the object or effect of significantly preventing, restricting or distorting competition in any market for goods or services.

Section 4 (2) – Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), a horizontal agreement between enterprises which has the object to-

- (a) fix, directly or indirectly, a purchase or selling price or any other trading conditions;
- (b) share market or sources of supply;
- (c) limit or control –
 - (i) production;
 - (ii) market outlets or market access;
 - (iii) technical or technological development; or
 - (iv) investment; or
- (d) perform an act of bid rigging,

is deemed to have the object of significantly preventing, restricting, or distorting competition in any market for goods or services.

Section 4 (3) – Any enterprise which is a party to an agreement which is prohibited under this section shall be liable for infringement of the prohibition.