



Government of Pakistan
PAKISTAN TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY
HEADQUARTERS, F-5/1, ISLAMABAD

**Enforcement Order under section 23 of the Pakistan Telecommunication
(Re-organization) Act, 1996 against Huawei Technologies (Pvt.) Limited**

No. PTA/ Lic-WrL/Huawei Technologies/1090/2017/411

Date of Show Cause Notice:	12 th December 2024
Venue of Hearing:	PTA HQs, Islamabad
Date of Hearing:	27 th February, 2025

Panel of Hearing:

Maj. Gen. Hafeez Ur Rehman (R)	Chairman
Dr. Khawar Siddique Khokhar	Member (Compliance & Enforcement)
Muhammad Naveed	Member (Finance)

Issue:

“Non- obtaining Commencement Certificate”

DECISION OF THE OF THE AUTHORITY

1. Precisely stated facts of the case are that Huawei Technologies Pakistan (Pvt.) Limited (the “licensee”) was awarded a non-exclusive license No. DIR(L)/CVAS-877/PTA/2017 dated 8th September, 2017 (the “license”) by Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (the “Authority”), to provide the licensed services in the licensed regions and to establish, maintain and operate Telecommunication System, subject to the terms and condition contained in the license.
2. The licensee is required to comply with the prevailing regulatory laws comprising the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act, 1996 (the “Act”), the Pakistan Telecommunication Rules, 2000 (the “Rules”), the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (Functions & Powers) Regulations, 2006 (the “Regulations”), Class Licensing and Registration Regulations, 2007 (the “CL Regulations”), and the terms and conditions of the license.
3. That under regulation 17(A) of the CL Regulations, the licensee shall be obliged to commence any licensed services within one year from the date of grant of license. Additionally, in accordance with regulation 19 (A)(i) of the CL Regulations, the licensee shall not provide any licensed services, within period as required in regulation 17(A) of the CL regulations, to a customer, or accept any payment from a customer in respect of the Licensed Services to be provided by the Licensee, unless a commencement certificate is issued for each licensed service by the Authority certifying that the licensee has established the required telecom system under the provision of the license and is able to provide the licensed services. Moreover, as per regulation 19(1) of the Regulations, the licensee shall not commence its licensed operations without obtaining commencement certificate from the Authority in accordance with Clause 22 of Schedule 2 of the Rules.
4. That PTA vide letters No. PTA/Lic-WrL/CVAS/1090/2017 dated 13th November 2023, PTA/Lic-WrL/Non-Commencement/544/2014 dated 26th March, 2025 and emails dated 15th November 2023, 27th March, 2025 and 18th April, 2025 required the licensee to obtain Commencement Certificate

for provision of the licensed services. However, the licensee did not pay any heed to comply with the same.

5. Due to failure on part of the licensee to obtain a commencement certificate within the stipulated time, a Show Cause Notice (SCN) dated 12th December, 2024 under section 23 of the Act was issued wherein it was required to remedy the aforementioned contravention by obtaining a commencement certificate **within thirty (30) days** of the issuance of the SCN and also to explain in writing, **within thirty (30) days** of the issuance of the SCN as to why an enforcement order should not be passed under section 23 of the Act.

6. Before passing an enforcement order under sub-section (3) of Section 23 of the Act, the matter was fixed for hearing on 27th February, 2025. Mr. Yawar Hameed (Imports Manager) and Mr. Shahid Iqbal Warraich (Deputy Director), *the representatives*, appeared on the behalf of licensee on the said date. During the hearing, the representatives appearing on the behalf of licensee sought time extension for fulfillment legal and codal formalities for obtaining commencement certificate. Accordingly, the licensee was granted extension vide letter dated 26th March, 2025 with directions to comply with formalities required for obtaining commencement on or before 31st March, 2025. In response, the licensee vide email 3rd April, 2025 sought time extension for obtaining commencement certificate till 15th April, 2025 on the account Eid holidays, but of no avail. To proceed further in instant matter, the licensee was again required vide email dated 18th April, 2025 to ensure readiness of commencement certificate for the provision of the licensed services by 21st April, 2025. However, the licensee has failed to obtain commencement certificate for the provision of the licensed services within the stipulated time.

7. Keeping in view the above-mentioned facts coupled with the available record, the Authority hereby decide as under:

- 7.1 The license is hereby suspended for a period of one month or till the licensee obtains a Commencement Certificate for the provision of the licensed services, whichever is earlier;
- 7.2 In case of non-compliance of Para 7.1 above, license No. DIR(L)/CVAS-877/PTA/2017 dated 8th September, 2017 of the licensee shall stand terminated upon expiration of one month after the date of issuance of this order without any further notice;
- 7.3 All LDI, LL, TIP and Mobile licensees are directed to suspend immediately all telecommunication facilities extended to the licensee pursuant to the license till further orders of the Authority.

Maj. Gen. Hafeez Ur Rehman (R)
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Signed on 11th July, 2025 and comprises of (02) pages only.