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(Submitted by email: aldo.ongaro@canada.ca)

Dear Mr. Ongaro,

Re: HD Radio Laboratory Testing

As you know, the Radio Advisory Board of Canada, via its Radio Working Group (which is a subcommittee of the RABC Broadcast Committee), is currently investigating the possible improvement to Broadcasting Circular-21 (BC_21), *Experimental HD Radio (Hybrid and Extended Hybrid) in the FM Broadcasting Band*.

With this letter, I am providing the Department with proposed updates to BC-21. These updates have been developed by the RABC Radio Working Group with the assistance of officials from the Department.

We believe updating BC-21 will aid in ensuring a harmonised introduction and deployment for the voluntary use of HD Radio in Canada. At the moment, interested broadcasters are limiting their investment and deployment due to the lack of a clear methodology and regulation regarding HD Radio. The goal is also to ensure that HD Radio services will become fully protected in the Canadian market.

Finally, on behalf of our members, I would like to recognize the participation of members of the Department in the activities of the Radio Working Group. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. D. Farnes".

J. David Farnes
General Manager

cc: Mr. David Richard, ISED

Attachment