



## Press Release

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### **OOREDOO MALDIVES RE-OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

We refer to the Announcement made by Ooredoo Maldives Plc. (“Ooredoo Maldives” or the “Company”) on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 (the “Announcement”) with respect to applications for the post of Director (“Director”) to be elected on the Board of Ooredoo Maldives Plc by the general Shareholders.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who submitted applications; for their interest in the Company, in the post of Director and to be a part of its future. We are grateful and appreciative of the support and consideration from our shareholders on all matters relating to the Company.

As a public listed company, it is our utmost priority to act in the best interests of our shareholders and to provide equal opportunities to all our shareholders with the ability to evolve to the needs of our shareholders. We are aware that the increased community spread of Covid-19 in the Maldives at present, may have affected the ability of our shareholders to obtain all the documents required to be submitted with the application for the post of Director, as applications received by the deadline stated in our Announcement were either incomplete or from ineligible applicants.

We are therefore pleased to announce the re-opening of applications for the post of Director, so that we can provide all shareholders with an equal opportunity to submit duly completed application forms along with all required supporting documents. We look forward to receiving applications from shareholders with diverse characteristics, perspectives, experience and skills for a rich and diversified Board of Directors for the benefit of our shareholders.

We therefore request shareholders interested in applying for the post of Director, to please submit duly completed application forms along with all required supporting documents listed therein by no later than 14:00 hours on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to Ooredoo Maldives Plc, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, H. Sunleet, Boduthakurufaanu Magu, Male’, in a sealed envelope labelled “Application for Board Director” or sent via an e-mail to [investor.relations@ooredoo.mv](mailto:investor.relations@ooredoo.mv).

The application form is made available on our website <https://www.ooredoo.mv/investors> or can be obtained from “[here](#)”.

Applicants for the post of the Director representing the general shareholders on the Board of Ooredoo Maldives should meet the below criteria:-

- must be a shareholder of Ooredoo Maldives or be nominated by a legal entity shareholder of Ooredoo Maldives (nominations by a legal entity shareholder should be supported by a board resolution of such shareholder);
- possess the qualifications and competencies specified in the Companies Act 1996 (Act No.: 10/96) (the “Companies Act”) and regulations made thereunder and the Corporate Governance Code (the “CG Code”) issued by the Capital Market Development Authority of the Maldives, including the criteria set out therein for an Independent Director;
- meet the “Fit and Proper” Guidelines for Directors of Listed Companies (“Fit and Proper Guidelines”) issued by the Capital Market Development Authority of the Maldives;
- be a Degree holder from an internationally recognized university;
- have at least 10 (ten) years of experience of serving in a senior position within the public or private sector in the Maldives or internationally;
- have experience of being a Board Director of at least one active company and can show a record of contribution to such company;
- currently not serving as a Board Director of more than 2 (two) companies listed on the Maldives Stock Exchange;
- must not have served on the board of a competitor of Ooredoo Maldives’ or a regulator, unless a minimum period of 12 (twelve) months has elapsed from the date of leaving the aforementioned role or position with the competitor or from the regulator;
- must not be a current employee of Ooredoo Maldives or a competitor or a regulator;
- must not have been an employee of Ooredoo Maldives or a competitor or a regulator within the past 12 (twelve) months;
- in the judgement of the NRC, be well qualified to carry out his/her duties as a Board Director which shall include but not be limited to:-
  - integrity in personal and professional dealings;
  - wisdom and ability to take appropriate decisions;
  - ability to read and understand financial statements and reports;
  - an acknowledged record of business acumen and achievement to effectively contribute to the Company’s management;
  - ability to deal with others with a sense of responsibility, firmness and cooperation;
  - ability to interact with and consult with the Company’s employees to achieve high management standards;
  - a track record of a range of skills and experience as well as the ability to think strategically and with foresight.

For the purpose of encouragement of gender diversity on the Board of Directors, Ooredoo Maldives welcomes and encourages applications from women.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee (“NRC”) of the Company will evaluate the applications and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will select and

communicate the details of eligible applicants to the shareholders along with the Notice & Agenda which will be made available during February 2022 for the AGM to be held in March 2022.

Shareholders present at the AGM, can vote in person or through a proxy (each shareholder or proxy is entitled to one vote if voting by a show of hands or one vote for each share held by that shareholder where voting is by poll). The applicant with the highest number of votes will be elected as the Director representing the general shareholders on the Board.

Pursuant to Clause 110(b) of the Articles, the Director elected by the general members shall hold office from the AGM at which elected to the commencement of the third AGM thereafter. Therefore, the Director elected at the AGM held in March 2022 shall hold office until the commencement of the AGM to be held in 2024.

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**About Ooredoo Maldives**

Ooredoo Maldives provides an innovative range of voice, data, broadband, content and enterprise services tailored to the growing needs of today's consumers and businesses. Guided by its vision of enriching people's lives and its belief that it can stimulate human growth by leveraging communications to help people achieve their full potential, Ooredoo Maldives has transformed the digital lives of communities across the Maldives.

Ooredoo Maldives generated revenues of MVR 1,723 million and a Profit after Tax of MVR 407 million as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Its shares are listed on the Maldives Stock Exchange.

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**About Ooredoo**

Ooredoo is an international communications company operating across the Middle East, North Africa and Southeast Asia. Serving consumers and businesses in 10 countries, Ooredoo delivers the leading data experience through a broad range of content and services via its advanced, data-centric mobile and fixed networks.

Ooredoo generated revenues of QAR 29 billion as of 31 December 2020. Its shares are listed on the Qatar Stock Exchange and the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange.

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