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**SIMON MOUTTER COMMENCES AS CEO AND MANAGING DIRECTOR AND
DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE DETERMINATION**

Telecom announces that Simon Moutter officially commences his role as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Telecom Corporation of New Zealand Limited and Director of TCNZ Finance Limited today.

As required by NZSX Listing Rule 3.3.3(b), the Telecom Board has determined that Simon Moutter is not independent, as defined by NZSX Listing Rule 1.6.1, in light of his role as Chief Executive Officer of Telecom.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tristan Gilbertson'.

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