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## **Ofcom's Second Review of Public Service Television Broadcasting**

By way of introduction UK Screen is the trade body that represents UK service companies to the film and television screen industries. Specifically we support and promote the commercial interests of companies involved in audio, post-production, visual and special effects, DVD, camera, lighting and equipment hire, new media, outside broadcast and studios. Collectively these service companies provide the infrastructure which underpins the broadcasting industries in the UK. We represent more than 170 member companies.

At the time of Ofcom's first PSB Review, UK Screen Association (formerly UK Post) was in its infancy as such we did not take part in the consultation process. Therefore, we now hope to make a meaningful contribution to this second PSB Review.

Broadly speaking we are in support of the Terms of Reference and the Scope of the Review. However, in addition to the stated objectives we would ask that Ofcom reviews the relationship between the PSBs, the independent production companies and suppliers that work for both of them with specific reference to the facilities sector. The Programme Supply Review and the Communications Act that stemmed from it, did not consider the effects on the deeper supply chain. The subsequent pressure on programme budgets, a partial consequence of the change in IP ownership, has been to the detriment of the facilities sector.

The need for investment in new technology and production processes continue unabated and it is in the interests of maintaining and strengthening the quality of the public service broadcasting that there is a strong domestic facilities sector. It is equally true that the long-term sustainability of the UK facilities sector is dependent on the continuance and growth of public service broadcasting across all platforms.

We look forward to hearing more details of the consultation in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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