

DIRECTIVE #03/09

TO: ALL LICENSEES

WHEREAS **Regulation 30 (I)** of **The Television and Sound Broadcasting Regulations** provides that no licensee shall transmit "any portrayal of violence which offends against good taste, decency or public morality",

AND WHEREAS **Regulation 31** of the said **Regulations** provides that the Commission may, from time to time issue to licensees, directives in respect of any matter to which the Act and these Regulations relate,

AND WHEREAS there is a proliferation of recordings with lyrics that promote and glorify "gunmanship" as well as various offences against the person such as murder, rape, arson and mob violence,

NOW THEREFORE, the Broadcasting Commission, acting under Regulation 31, HEREBY ISSUES THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIVE to take effect immediately:

1. There shall not be transmitted through radio or television or cable services, **any recording, live song or music video** which promotes and/or glorifies the use of guns or other offensive weapons;
2. There shall not be transmitted through radio or television or cable services, **any recording, live song or music video** which promotes or glorifies any offence against the person such as murder, rape, mob violence and other offences such as arson;

3. Programme managers and station owners or operators are hereby required to take immediate steps to prevent transmission of any such live or recorded material falling into the categories described in paragraphs 1 to 2 above or which also falls into the category of edited musical content using techniques of 'bleeping' or 'beeping'.



Hopeton S. Dunn, Ph.D.
CHAIRMAN

Dated this 20th day of February 2009