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SKY AND BBC WORLDWIDE RENEW PREMIUM BRITISH CHANNELS

SKY customers will continue to enjoy some of the best British content on the planet following the extension of a channels carriage deal with BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand (ANZ).

SKY CEO John Fellet announced the continuation of SKY's long-standing channels carriage deal with BBC Worldwide today for BBC UKTV, BBC Knowledge and BBC World News, all of which are an integral part of SKY's Basic package.

"British storytelling resonates incredibly strongly with New Zealanders and our BBC channels have an amazing diversity of quality shows across every genre. These channels add enormous value to our Basic package which is evident by the hundreds of thousands of SKY customers who tune in every year," said Mr Fellet.

Jon Penn, Managing Director of BBC Worldwide ANZ added, "I'm delighted that we have extended our carriage deal with SKY, ensuring that fans of great British entertainment, engaging factual and impartial global news will have access to the BBC's premium channels for many more years. Working in partnership with the team at SKY, we will continue to invest in our channels, bring our audiences more outstanding British content and offer a really compelling proposition to the New Zealand market."

Made for SKY, BBC UKTV is the highest rating entertainment channel on the platform. It has built further on this success recently with a brand refresh which saw a whole new on-air look and feel introduced on the channel.

BBC Knowledge NZ is home to some of the biggest names in British factual programming with a host of entertaining and thought-provoking shows presented by engaging experts.

BBC World News continues to bring the issues of the day to SKY viewers from a global perspective. With over 84 million viewers globally each week and across 433 million homes worldwide, BBC World News brings stories from its trusted global network of reporters.

SKY's Head of Affiliate Channels Maria Barlow-Cooper also welcomed the continuation of the carriage deal.

"These are much loved channels offering an array of great content. BBC UKTV is renowned for its premium dramas such as gangster series Peaky Blinders as well as introducing local audiences to ground-breaking premiere shows such as SS-GB and the much anticipated Top of the Lake 2, directed by New Zealand's own Jane Campion. With a variety of lively chat shows, quirky comedies and big British events such as the Brit Awards and Last Night of the Proms, BBC UKTV is programmed specifically for our local viewers as a cracking celebration of the best in British entertainment."

"Factual lovers are spoilt for choice on BBC Knowledge NZ whether their passion is natural history with Sir David Attenborough, science with Professor Brian Cox or just incredibly moving real life storytelling with Louis Theroux. And of course Kiwis have a huge appetite for keeping up with world events and the BBC World News service brings its own unique global perspective to our News bouquet," she said.

BBCUKTV is available on SKY Channel 007, BBC Knowledge NZ on SKY Channel 074 and BBC World News on SKY Channel 089.

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About BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand

BBC Worldwide is the main commercial arm and a wholly owned subsidiary of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand (ANZ) wholly owns six channels: BBC First, UKTV, BBC Knowledge and CBeebies on Foxtel and Fetch TV in Australia; UKTV and BBC Knowledge on Sky TV in New Zealand; and is responsible for the distribution and promotion of BBC World News which transmits in both countries. BBC Worldwide ANZ distributes great British content from the BBC and other producers to free-to-air, subscription channels and SVOD platforms in Australia and New Zealand. It works with partners to bring BBC Worldwide DVDs, consumer products, entertainment formats and live events to the local market, as well as offering advertising opportunities for the BBC's world renowned bbc.com news site. In 2015/16, it generated headline sales of £79.1m - a 5.3% increase in local currency - and headline profit of £19.2m.

About BBC Global News Ltd

BBC World News and BBC.com, the BBC's commercially funded international 24-hour English news platforms, are owned and operated by BBC Global News Ltd. BBC World News television is available in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide, and 433 million households and 1.8 million hotel rooms. The channel's content is also available on 178 cruise ships, 53 airlines and 23 mobile phone networks. BBC.com offers up-to-the minute international news and in-depth analysis for PCs, tablets and mobile devices to more than 85 million unique browsers each month.

About SKY

Tune in to SKY.

SKY is the leading pay TV service for Kiwis. If you love sports, music, movies, on-demand content and all-round great telly, then you'll love SKY. With more than 115 channels your journey into an incredible world of content starts here. Come with us.

We entertain Kiwis.

We entertain around two million Kiwis, with a little under half of all homes on board this exciting journey of entertainment, discovery and staying in touch with the world. We're behind the Fatso & IGLOO brands. Our newest products include FAN PASS, which gives fans access to sporting competitions online for a fixed fee or SKY Sport channels for a daily or weekly fee and NEON, our subscription-video-on-demand service.

Couch. Pause. Engage. Rewind.

MY SKY is our high definition (HD) decoder and PVR that means you'll never miss a moment of your favourite games, flicks or series. We offer 15 outstanding HD channels (SKY Sport 1, 2, 3 and 4, ESPN, ESPN 2, Trackside, Trackside 2 SoHo, The Zone, SKY Movies Premiere, Extra, Greats, Classics, Action). As well as HD Pop-Up and free-to-air channels.

Rolling out now.

SKY On Demand gives you the freedom to watch what you want when you want at the touch of your remote. Internet connected SKY boxes offer a huge selection of shows, movies and box sets and new features like search and series stacking at no additional cost.

The SKY's the limit.

If you love entertainment, we want for you to be able to enjoy it no matter where you are. SKY GO allows you to enjoy live streamed channels and watch catch-up telly. You can also rent blockbuster movies and TV series with the push of a button.

Prime time.

Our free-to-air channel Prime offers a viewing experience that's unique in New Zealand. From local goodies to free-to-air sport and gripping drama, Prime is a popular choice for Kiwis looking for their daily fix of entertaining telly.

Looking after fellow Kiwis.

We're proud to support young talented athletes through SKY NEXT, we're a Five Star Supporter of the Starship Foundation, key sponsor of Special Children's Christmas Parties and have pledged \$1 million dollars over five years to the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust.

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