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SVM/SDM/SD/0005			Application Support Service (Fourth Line): Service Description	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/SD/0006			Systems Management Service: Service Description	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/SD/0007			Service Management Service: Service Description	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/SD/0012			Central Network Service: Service Description	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/SD/0013			Reference Data Management Service: Service Description	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/SD/0014			Operational Business Change (Branch Change) Service: Service Description	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/SD/0015			Reconciliation Service: Service Description	Dimensions
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SVM/SDM/PLA/0001			HNG-X Support Service Business Continuity Plan	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/PLA/0003			HNG-X Business Continuity Test Plan	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/SIP/0001			HNG-X Business Continuity Framework	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/PRO/0025			Post Office Account Customer Service Problem Management Procedure	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/PRO/0018			POA Operations Incident Management Procedure	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/PRO/0001			POA Operations Major Incident Procedure	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/PRO/0007			PODG Client File Re-Send Service – Joint Working Document"	Dimensions
SVM/SDM/PRO/0875			End to End Application Support Strategy	Dimensions
COM/MGT/REP/0001			Transfer Asset Register	Dimensions

Unless a specific version is referred to above, reference should be made to the current approved versions of the documents.

0.5 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
CCD	Contract Controlled Document
CFS	Post Office Ltd.'s Core Financials System
CMT	Communications Management Team
KEL	Known Error Log (Support knowledge base)
Peak	Fujitsu services incident and release management system
POA	Fujitsu Services Post Office Account
PODG	Post Office Data Gateway
POMS	Post Office Managed Switch
SMC	Systems Management Centre

0.6 Glossary

Term	Definition
Ad-Hoc Data Request	Request for non standard management information received from Post Office via the agreed process
Service Management	Web based management information portal developed by Fujitsu Services to





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Term	Definition
Portal	allow Post Office to have real time access to management information

0.7 Changes Expected

Changes

Expected changes should the HNG-X design or solution require amendment to the service provided by Fujitsu Services.

Amendments to reflect updated procedures for Live Defect Management, including replacing references to "KEL"s with "KBA"s, to be made by future CCN.

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1 Service Summary

The Fujitsu Services Third Line Support Service, provides 3rd line application support functions using operational staff who are fully trained to carry out this service.

The Third Line Support Service will continue to provide this support for those elements of the HNG-X System migrated to Post Office Cloud.

1.1 HNG-X services

Technical support when required to the following HNG-X Operational Services:

- (a) Service Management Service;
- (b) Systems Management Service;
- (c) Data Centre Operations Service;
- (d) Application Support Service (Fourth Line);
- (e) Removed by CCN1623b
- (f) Central Network Service;
- (g) Operational Business Change Service (Branch Change);
- (h) Reference Data Management Service;
- (i) Security Management Service;
- (j) Removed by CCN1648b
- (k) Management Information Service; and
- (I) Reconciliation Service;

The investigation and resolution of new Software Incidents within the Replaced Branch Infrastructure will include any Incidents related to Software identified as HNG-A Application related, but not those Incidents caused by any software supplied by Post Office or its third parties (e.g. operating system, anti-virus or driver software).

The production and authorisation of workarounds and updates to entries within the KEL.

Local Fujitsu Services POA Database and Intranet Development.

Support Service Management Portal Development and Support.

Support for business continuity testing where this is required.

Development and support for internal Fujitsu Services POA applications and support tools.

The Third Line Support Service will receive solutions developed by the Application Support Service (Fourth Line) to resolve Incidents.

The Third Line Support Service will provide a manual workaround to remove items in excess of 1500 from the Track and Trace Despatch Reports. Further details are provided in section 2.1.1.15 below.

1.2 Not Used





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2 HNG-X

2.1 Service Definition

2.1.1 Support for Operational Services

This section sets out the technical support provided by the Third Line Support Service to the appropriate Operational Services. The Third Line Support Service also supports the Business Capabilities and Support Facilities.

2.1.1.1 Service Management Service, for Incident Management

The Third Line Support Service provides technical support to the MAC Team element of the Service Management Service to assist in the resolution of operational Incidents at "first line". Data relating to Incidents are passed from the Incident Management Systems via an electronic interface to the Third Line Support Service incident management tool (Peak). Any failure of this electronic interface will result in the manual transfer of data from the MAC Team.

The Third Line Support Service will provide information for, and maintain the Known Error Log (KEL).

2.1.1.2 Systems Management Service

The Third Line Support Service provides technical support to the Systems Management Service to assist in the resolution of operational Incidents.

2.1.1.3 Data Centre Operations Service

The Third Line Support Service provides technical support to the Data Centre Operations Service to assist in the resolution of operational Incidents.

2.1.1.4 Application Support Service (Fourth Line)

The Third Line Support Service provides technical support to the Application Support Service (Fourth Line) to assist in the development of Software fixes required for the Branch Infrastructure, HNG-X Central Infrastructure or Post Office Cloud.

2.1.1.5 Removed by CCN1623b

2.1.1.6 Central Network Service

The Third Line Support Service provides technical support to the Central Network Service to assist in the resolution of operational Incidents surrounding the loss of communications within the central Fujitsu Services network.

2.1.1.7 Operational Business Change Service (Branch Change)

The Third Line Support Service provides technical support to the Operational Business Change (Branch Change) Service to assist in the resolution of Software or remote technical Incidents which may occurring during the delivery of changes, (including, for example: Branch openings, closures and moves) to the Branch Infrastructure. For Operational Business Change (Branch Change) Service changes involving





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Replaced Branch Infrastructure this support will be limited to the scope of Fujitsu Services support for the HNG-A Application and its interactions with HNG-X Systems.

2.1.1.8 Reference Data Management Service

The Third Line Support Service provides technical support to the Reference Data Management Service to assist in the resolution of operational Incidents surrounding the distribution of Reference Data to the Branch Infrastructure.

2.1.1.9 Security Management Service

The Third Line Support Service provides technical support to the Security Management Service to assist in the resolution of operational Incidents surrounding the application of the required level of security within the Branch Infrastructure and HNG-X Central Infrastructure, together with the provision of data from the HNG-X Central Infrastructure where this cannot be readily obtained by the Security Management Service.

2.1.1.10 Not used

2.1.1.11 Management Information Service

The Third Line Support Service provides technical support to the management information Service to assist in the generation of management information in response to Ad-Hoc Data Requests where this information is not readily available to the Management Information Service.

2.1.1.12 Reconciliation Service

The Third Line Support Service provides technical support to the Reconciliation Service to assist in the resolution of Reconciliation Incidents where Transaction information is required following interrogation of the HNG-X System. This will also include the re-sending of rejected Transactions to Post Office or Clients following the resolution of a Reconciliation Incident.

2.1.1.13 Investigation and Resolution of New Software Incidents

The Third Line Support Service will investigate, in accordance with internal Fujitsu Services operational procedures, any suspected new Software errors escalated from the Service Management Service or Systems Management Service and provide Software fixes, as required, to either:

- (a) an individual Branch or Counter Position;
- (b) a number of Branches or Counter Positions;
- (c) the entire Branch and all Counter Positions; or
- (d) the Data Centres.

Ownership and management of the incident remains with the service desk that logged the incident.

When investigating incidents on the HNG-A Application installed on Counter Positions in Branches Fujitsu Services staff shall only access storage areas on the Replaced Branch Infrastructure within the access control mechanisms provided by the EUC Tower Contractor, as authorised by Post Office in writing.

2.1.1.14 Production of workarounds





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Following investigation of a Software error, the Third Line Support Service will produce, where possible, a workaround which will enable the Branch to continue normal business in line with relevant processes or will enable the Data Centre to continue processing.

Where a workaround requires a Branch not to operate in accordance with relevant processes, this will be handled through the Service Management Service in accordance with good service management practice.

2.1.1.15 Manual Intervention in the Track & Trace Despatch Reports

The current track and trace despatch report has a 'cut off' function that a Branch Post Master is supposed to perform at the end of each day. The Branch Post Masters currently print the report but some Branches are not then cutting it off. This causes a build-up of items stored on the system.

The Third Line Support Service will, as an interim solution introduced into the Agreement in CCN1627a, clear down any items in excess of 1500 at all outlets on a monthly basis.

2.1.2 Local Fujitsu Services POA Database and Intranet Development and Support

The Third Line Support Service will provide support for the development and support of internal Fujitsu Services POA databases and Intranet services required to provide reporting and management information (where this is not available from the HNG-X System). These include (but are not restricted to):

- KEL Web Service
- Peak incident management Web Service
- PODG reporter Web Service.

2.1.3 Service Management Portal Development and Support

The Third Line Support Service will provide support for the development and support of Fujitsu Services POA intranet and the relevant portal arrangements which allow data to be available to the Service Management Portal accessible to Post Office.

2.1.4 Support for Business Continuity testing

The Third Line Support Service will provide technical support for scheduled business continuity tests undertaken in accordance with Schedule B2 and the CCD entitled: "HNG-X Business Continuity Framework" (SVM/SDM/SIP/0001).

2.2 Service Availability

The Third Line Support Service is not directly available to Post Office. It is a service internal to Fujitsu Services and is available 24 hours per day, but is provided only on an on-call basis outside of 09:00hrs to 17:30hrs Monday to Friday and Bank Holidays.

2.3 Service Levels and Remedies

2.3.1 General Principles

This section is not applicable to the Third Line Support Service.





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2.3.2 Service Level Relief

This section is not applicable to the Third Line Support Service.

2.3.3 Rectification Plan

See paragraph 7.1 of Schedule C1 of the Agreement.

2.3.4 Service Levels for which Liquidated Damages Apply

There are no specific SLTs for which liquidated damages apply to this Service. However, the attainment of SLTs for the Data Centre Operations Service may be directly related to the successful provision of this Third Line Support Service should support be required.

2.3.5 Service Levels for which Liquidated Damages Do Not Apply

There are no specific SLTs for which liquidated damages do not apply that are linked directly with the Third Line Support Service. However, the attainment of SLTs for the following Operational Services may be directly related to the successful provision of this Third Line Support Service should support be required:

- (a) Data Centre Operations Service;
- (b) Removed by CCN1623b;
- (c) Central Network Service;
- (d) Removed by CCN1623b; and
- (e) Reconciliation Service.

2.3.6 Operational Level Targets

There are no OLTs associated with the Third Line Support Service.

2.3.7 Performance Metrics

There are no contractual performance metrics associated with the Third Line Support Service.

2.3.8 Design Targets

There are no design targets associated with the Third Line Support Service.

2.4 Service Limits and Volumetrics

There are no service limits or volumetrics associated with the Third Line Support Service.

2.5 Associated Assets and Licences

2.5.1 Assets

Assets relevant to the Third Line Support Service are set out within the Transfer Asset Register.





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2.5.2 Licences

The Third Line Support Service will ensure that all third party software licences from time to time required by Fujitsu Services to provide the Third Line Support Service are maintained to ensure they are current and valid for the version of third party software being used at the time. Where a licence or its associated support and maintenance is due to expire, and Fujitsu Services determine that renewal is required, the Third Line Support Service will ensure that the appropriate renewal process, as defined by the appropriate software vendor or licensor, is completed and a new licence is concluded prior to the expiry date to ensure continuity of the service.

2.6 Charges

2.6.1 Operational Fixed Charge

See Schedule D1 of the Agreement.

2.6.2 Operational Variable Charge

The Third Line Support Service Operational Variable Charge is calculated against the number of POL Service Types supported as set out in paragraph 2.7 of Schedule D1 of the Agreement.

2.6.3 Additional Operational Variable Charge

There are no additional Operational Variable Charge applicable to the Third Line Support Service.

2.7 Dependencies and Interfaces with Other Operational Services

Any changes agreed between Post Office and Fujitsu Services to the scope or availability of the Third Line Support Service and/or any of the other Operational Services will be agreed in accordance with the Change Control Procedure. This section describes the interfaces with other Operational Services as at the Amendment Date, as follows:

2.7.1.1 Systems Management Service

The Third Line Support Service may be required to take on some of the monitoring functions completed by the Systems Management Service and would receive a higher proportion of issues for resolution should the Systems Management Service become unavailable.

2.7.1.2 Data Centre Operations Service

The Third Line Support Service supports the Data Centre Operations Service in the investigation of Incidents surrounding the HNG-X Central Infrastructure. If the scope of the Third Line Support Service was changed to remove this support requirement then Application Support Service (Fourth Line) may have to take over this role.

2.7.1.3 Removed by CCN1623b

2.7.1.4 Central Network Service





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The Third Line Support Service supports the Central Network Service, in respect of Incidents surrounding the Central Telecommunications Infrastructure. If the scope of the Third Line Support Service changed, the Application Support Service (Fourth Line) might have to take over this role.

2.7.1.5 Application Support Service (Fourth Line)

The Application Support Service (Fourth Line) and the Third Line Support Service work closely together in the identification and resolution of Software Incidents requiring bug fixes. If the scope of either the Application Support Service (Fourth Line) or the Third Line Support Service is changed, the completion of Software Incident bug fixes would be the responsibility of the remaining service.

2.7.1.6 Operational Business Change Service (Branch Change)

The Third Line Support Service supports the OBC (Branch Change) Service, in respect of changes to the Branch estate. If the scope of the Third Line Support Service changed, the Application Support Service (Fourth Line) might have to take over this role.

2.7.1.7 Reference Data Management Service

The Third Line Support Service supports the Reference Data Management Service in respect of Incidents surrounding the distribution of Reference Data to the Branch Infrastructure. If the scope of the Third Line Support Service changed, the Application Support Service (Fourth Line) might have to take over this role.

2.7.1.8 Security Management Service

The Third Line Support Service will support the Security Management Service in ensuring the appropriate levels of security are met in respect of systems access. If the scope of the Third Line Support Service changed, the Application Support Service (Fourth Line), the Systems Management Service or the Data Centre Operations Service might have to take over this role.

2.7.1.9 Removed by CCN1623b

2.7.1.10 Management Information Service

The Management Information Service may request data to support MIS Reports delivered internally within Fujitsu Services or to Post Office. If the scope of the Third Line Support Service changed, the Systems Management Service or the Application Support Service (Fourth Line) may have to take over this role.

2.7.1.11 Reconciliation Service

The Third Line Support Service supports the Reconciliation Service, in respect of Incidents affecting the financial integrity of the HNG-X Application. If the scope of the Third Line Support Service changed, the Application Support Service (Fourth Line) might have to take over this role.

2.7.1.12 Removed by CCN1623b

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The Service Management Service has overall governance over the activities of the Third Line Support Service. If the scope of the Third Line Support Service changed, the Service Management Service may interface directly with the Application Support Service (Fourth Line).

The Third Line Support Service receives Incidents for investigation from the MAC Team Element of the Service Management Service. Any changes to the scope of the Third Line Support Service may result in Incidents being passed to the Application Support Service (Fourth Line).

2.8 Post Office Dependencies and Responsibilities

In addition to the generic responsibilities which shall apply as set out in Schedule A5 of the Agreement, Post Office shall keep each base unit in each Branch switched on at all times unless specifically requested to do otherwise by Fujitsu Services.

2.9 Business Continuity

This section defines the measures taken to minimise the risk of not being able to provide the Third Line Support Service and sets out what Fujitsu Services is required to provide in terms of business continuity specific to the provision of this Third Line Support Service. Details of the Third Line Support Service Business Continuity Plan are set out in the Working Document entitled: "HNG-X Support Service Business Continuity Plan" (SVM/SDM/PLA/0001).

2.9.1 Maintaining Access to Data and Systems

2.9.1.1 Incident Management System

In the event that the Third Line Support Service incident management tool (Peak) becomes unavailable, failover will occur to a backup system within another Fujitsu Services site.

In the event that the backup system is unavailable, the Third Line Support Service will resort to manual logging of Incidents until the system is restored and then input manually logged Incidents into the restored system.

2.9.1.2 Live System Access and Repair Tools

In the event that live systems access and repair tools are unavailable in the primary Third Line Support Service site, the Third Line Support Service will use suitably configured laptops and support the system from home addresses.

2.9.1.3 Failover Timescale

Fujitsu Services shall ensure access to live systems access and repair tools via the laptop solution within three (3) hours of the initial failure.

In the event of a long term failure (expected to last more than 24 hours) Fujitsu Services may choose to setup 3rd line support services at a suitable alternate site.

2.9.1.4 Testing

Fujitsu Services will carry out one (1) walkthrough and one (1) operational test per year covering the Incident Management System, live system access and repair tools, subject to agreeing the actual dates for such tests with Post Office, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld. Such tests shall be carried out in accordance with the Working Document entitled: "HNG-X Business Continuity Test Plan" (SVM/SDM/PLA/0003).





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3 Not Used

4 Documentation Set Supporting the Service

The document set listed in section 0.4 of this Third Line Support Service, Service Description supports the delivery of the Third Line Support Service. Should any elements of the Third Line Support Service be changed following agreement with Post Office, Fujitsu Services will ensure these documents are also reviewed and amended where necessary in accordance with the changes agreed.