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3G Operators sign Site Sharing Code of Practice Agreement

ComReg is pleased to announce that a Code of Practice for Sharing of Radio Sites has been agreed and adopted by the three 3G licencees, O₂, Vodafone and 3 (Hutchison Whampoa Ireland).

The objective of the Code of Practice is to facilitate the sharing of radio sites between 3G Operators. The Code of Practice provides a common site-sharing framework for all 3G mobile operators and is intended to complement the site sharing commitments contained in the operator's licences. The adoption of a common framework under the Code will facilitate further sharing of existing structures thus reducing the pressure on 3G operators to acquire new sites.

Mobile operators in Ireland have long-established procedures in place to facilitate co-operation and site sharing between themselves and with other large users of radio transmission sites. As a result, in recent years the majority of new transmitters have been located on existing sites. Sharing is also encouraged by existing planning guidelines and regulations.

ComReg invites other mobile radio operators and owners of radio sites to consider signing up to the Code of Practice. Interested parties should contact ComReg.

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