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Approval of Revised Prices per the Directory Information Licence Agreement ("DILA")

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1 Introduction

The Directory Information Licence Agreement (“DILA”) is the licence governing access to the information in the National Directory Database (“NDD”). This agreement must be approved by the Commission for Communications Regulation (“ComReg”) as the “terms and conditions” referred to in Regulation 4 (3)¹ of the Universal Service Regulations². Upon ComReg’s request eircom Ltd. (the NDD provider) submitted a detailed cost submission on the revised prices³ per the DILA to ComReg, for review and approval. ComReg has carried out its review and has approved the revised prices which are attached as an appendix to this document. The revised prices are effective from 1st October 2007. The approved prices will remain in place until such time as ComReg believes that circumstances, or underlying costs have changed materially to require a further amendment.

It should be noted that the actual “terms and conditions” of the DILA are also still under review by ComReg.

2 Background

ComReg published document no. 07/20⁴ on 5 April, 2007. This document directed that: “...all undertakings that assign telephone numbers to subscribers that from 4th May 2007 going forward a cost oriented rate for making available ‘relevant information’ for the purposes of the provision of publicly available directory inquiry services, directories and the National Directory Database will be zero euro per update”.

As a result of this direction, ComReg was of the view that the direction may have an impact on the cost base of the NDD itself and the charges for services offered by the NDD to third parties. ComReg therefore proposed to review the prices contained in the DILA.

3 Outcome of the review

The main price changes to note are the reduction in the *minimum fee per annum* from €15,236.86 to €14,200 and the reduction in the *flat charge per nightly up-date per annum* from €15,236.86 to €1,000. It should also be noted that in relation to the

¹ Regulation 4(3) provides that: ‘A designated undertaking shall, subject to Regulation 10 of the European Communities (Data Protection and Privacy in Telecommunications) Regulations 2002 (S.I. No 192 of 2002) keep a record (to be known as the National Directory Database) of all subscribers of publicly available telephone services in the state, including those with fixed, personal and mobile numbers, who have not refused to be included in that record, and allow access to any information contained in such record to any other such undertaking or any person in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be specified by it and approved by the regulator’.

² The European Communities (Electronic Communications Networks and Services) (Universal Service and Users’ Rights) Regulations 2003.

³ The DILA prices are attached as a schedule to the licence.

⁴ Response to Consultation on “The Cost Orientation Obligation in Providing Number Information to the National Directory Database”.

directory enquiry services there is no longer a *price per search* and in relation to the phone book publishing there is no longer a *price per listing* or a *price per distributed phonebook*.

The reduction in the DILA prices is as a result of the fact that telephone number assigners can no longer charge for providing ‘relevant information’ to the NDD. The NDD therefore no longer incurs this as a cost, resulting in a reduction to the cost base of the NDD. The new prices reflect this cost reduction. All other NDD costs relate specifically to the running of the NDD and are all cost based.

Appendix A

SCHEDULE 5 (REFERRED TO IN THE DILA)

National Directory Price List

Directory Enquiry Services

	<i>Euros</i>
Minimum fee per annum	€14,200
Flat charge for nightly up-date per annum	€1,000

Phone book publishing – printed or electronic, (CD-ROM)

	<i>Euros</i>
Minimum fee per annum	€14,200
Flat charge for nightly up-date per annum	€1,000
Minimum fee per annum for <10% of data	€2,540