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Wideband Digital Mobile Data Services Licence Awarded by ComReg

The Commission for Communications Regulation today announced the winners of three 10-year national licences for the provision of Wideband Digital Mobile Data Services.

More applications than available licences were received and as supply exceeded demand, all three licences were awarded via an auction. The auction was in the format of a single sealed bid with preferences taken into account if a bidder had the highest bid on more than one licence. This is the first time that the Commission has awarded spectrum in this manner.

ComReg Commissioner, Mike Byrne said: "ComReg has taken this initiative as part of its ongoing commitment to develop and utilise spectrum. This competition offers opportunities for the new licensees to provide innovative services to consumers and businesses with wideband data requirements."

For spectrum block A, 410 – 412 MHz paired with 420 – 422 MHz, four applications were received. Wirefree Communications made the highest bid and have paid €110,000.99 for the licence.

For spectrum block B, 412 – 414 MHz paired with 422 – 424 MHz, four applications were received. The Swedish company Mobisof made the highest bid and have paid €215,007 for the licence.

For spectrum block C, 872 – 876 MHz paired with 917 – 921 MHz, two applications were received. Digiweb made the highest bid and have paid €177,000 for the licence.

All winners have accepted their licence award.

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