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ComReg Consults on New Licensing Scheme for Business Radio

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today issued a Consultation and Request for Expressions of Interest on a new flexible licensing scheme aimed at those interested in providing two-way business radio services to third parties. The new scheme offers licensees the opportunity to provide a wide range of mobile business radio services, on a geographically unrestricted basis.

The scheme is expected to be of interest mainly to radio equipment suppliers or to those who currently hold wireless licences under the "Community Repeater" licensing scheme.

"We look forward to the responses to this proposal to introduce flexibility to our business radio licensing scheme, which we believe will benefit both the providers and users of these important services in Ireland," said Isolde Goggin, Chairperson of ComReg.

The consultation document ComReg 05/45 is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie. Interested parties have until 8th August 2005 to respond to the consultation and/or to submit an Expression of Interest in a licence under the new scheme.

Business radio services are widely used by businesses such as taxi, security, courier and transport companies to provide instant communication of voice or data between personnel.

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