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ComReg designates Vodafone and O₂ as having Significant Market Power

The Commission for Communications Regulation today designated the mobile phone companies, Vodafone and O₂, as having Significant Market Power (SMP) in the Wholesale Mobile Access and Call Origination Market.

ComReg has made this SMP designation following the decision of the European Commission to endorse ComReg's review of the market for access and call origination on mobile telephone networks in Ireland.

In its review, ComReg found that the market was not effectively competitive because of the joint dominance of Vodafone and O₂. ComReg believes that this situation will continue in the absence of appropriate regulatory action.

ComReg's next step in relation to this matter will be to impose one or more SMP obligations in relation to both companies.

ComReg has proposed that the networks of Vodafone and O₂ should be open to alternative providers such as Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MVNOs). ComReg also proposed that existing agreements regarding national roaming should be maintained.

The full document in relation to this matter – ComReg14/05 is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

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