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ComReg facilitates next generation mobile broadband testing in Ireland

The Commission for Communications Regulation ("ComReg") has said today that another milestone has been reached in relation to the provision of next generation mobile broadband in Ireland. This is based upon positive results from tests that have been carried out in Ireland by Ericsson using a test licence issued under ComReg's test and trial licensing programme.

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These tests were carried out in the 2.3 GHz band using the TD-LTE¹ technology. TD-LTE is a next generation mobile technology and these tests demonstrated its capability to provide high speed broadband services which can be used to support services such as high definition TV, video conferencing and many others.

Commissioner Mike Byrne said "As an integral part of the services that ComReg offers to industry stakeholders, ComReg is very pleased that its test and trial licensing programme has facilitated Ericsson in conducting the first tests of the TD-LTE next generation mobile technology in Ireland.

Ireland has a wide range of clean radio frequencies available for test & trial purposes and this valuable resource provides innovators the opportunity to develop, test and trial new services and smart technologies."

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¹ (Long Term Evolution, Time Division Duplex).

Note to Editors

About ComReg's test and trial licensing programme (www.testandtrial.ie)

This licensing programme was launched in 2005 and it allows the test and trial of wireless communications devices in any available radio spectrum band in Ireland. It has been specifically designed to support the needs of the research and development community and access to radio spectrum for test and trial has been made easy to encourage innovation.

About TD-LTE

TD-LTE is the Time Division Duplex (TDD) version of the Long Term Evolution (LTE) standard and is also known as LTE-TDD. LTE is a technology standard that can be used for the provision of future mobile broadband services.

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