



Media Release-17 February 2005

ComReg issues Directions to enable Internet Phone Services

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today issued draft Directions to allow access to the new '076' number range for voice over internet phone services (VoIP).

Last October, ComReg made the 076 phone number range available to telecoms providers. To date, telecoms providers have not succeeded in negotiating terms that would allow 076 numbers to be connected to the wider telecoms network.

ComReg is intervening to assist industry put in place, a preliminary framework for prices and settlements. Specifically, ComReg's draft directions propose two price points to facilitate telephone calls to VoIP numbers.

David Gunning, ComReg's Director of Market Framework said: "ComReg welcomes the involvement and co-operation of all industry participants in delivering the undoubted competitive benefits of VoIP to consumers. The purpose of ComReg's intervention is to speed up the availability of VoIP to the Irish market."

ComReg will accept responses to the draft directions from interested parties up until the 3rd of March.

ENDS

Issued By

Tom Butler
Public Affairs Manager, ComReg
Ph: 01 804 9639 Mobile: 087 2536358

tom.butler@comreg.ie