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ComReg issues fourth 3G mobile phone licence

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has announced today that it has issued the fourth 3G mobile phone licence to Eircom.

Eircom has paid the initial fee of €44.4 million and has met the relevant conditions of acceptance for the fourth 3G mobile phone licence. The total licence fee is €114.3 million with the remaining payments phased over the next 15 years.

ComReg welcomes the addition of a fourth 3G mobile operator to the marketplace which will offer consumers additional choice and, in turn, strengthen competition.

The licence which has been accepted by Eircom includes minimum requirements of 33% demographic coverage to be fulfilled by the end of September 2008 and 53% demographic coverage to be met by the end of September 2009. Eircom is obliged to reach 83% coverage by the end of October 2012.

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