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ComReg launches new initiative to stimulate access to wireless-based Wideband Services

ComReg today announced its decision to offer four national licences in the 420 MHz and 900 MHz bands for wideband digital mobile data services.

Following a public consultation on Wideband Digital Mobile Data in the 420 MHz and 900 MHz bands, ComReg has decided to offer four national licences for the provision of wideband digital mobile data services.

Licences will be issued on a first come, first served basis but if demand exceeds supply in any band then licences will be auctioned. Successful applicants will only be awarded one of the four licences on offer.

Similar to experiences in other European countries, there is also a growing demand in Ireland for access to wireless broadband. This has been illustrated by the success of the fixed wireless access local area (FWALA) licensing scheme introduced by ComReg in 2003.

ComReg believes that this initiative will further enhance the provision of new high speed mobile data services and it will be a valuable complement to existing broadband and wireless services in Ireland.

The full details of the response to consultation - ComReg 05/31 - may be found on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

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