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ComReg publishes its Strategy Statement for 2008-2010

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today published its Strategy Statement for the electronic communications sector for the period 2008-2010, as required under the Communications Regulation Act, 2002. The document is available on the ComReg website at <u>www.comreg.ie</u>.

ComReg Chairperson, John Doherty, said that "the Strategy Statement is a forwardlooking document that serves as a framework for action by the organisation for the period 2008-2010. It sets out ComReg's plan over these three years for the successful delivery of identified key priorities and is underpinned by ComReg's annual Action Plan, which sets out our detailed priorities and timeframes".

ComReg recognises that this is a period of potentially great change in the sector, with developments such as Next Generation Networks (NGNs); convergence; further consolidation in the sector across Europe; proposals for separation of telecoms networks both at EU level and by Eircom; revisions to the number and range of markets it regulates and revisions to the underpinning European regulatory framework all presenting challenges.

The Strategy Statement provides a clear vision and direction for the organisation for the next three years and is part of a suite of consultations that ComReg is undertaking over the coming months. ComReg has recently consulted separately on its Postal Strategy Statement and will consult on its Spectrum Strategy early in 2008.

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