



Media Release- 23 May 2005

ComReg to hold a tender process for design of postcode system

The Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Noel Dempsey TD, has today requested ComReg to appoint Project Managers with the necessary technical skills to design a national postcode system.

ComReg will initiate a public tender process to select a company with the appropriate skills to design a postcode system that is suitable for Ireland.

In January of this year, following an extensive public consultation, ComReg published a report which indicated that broad support for a postcodes system exists in Ireland.

ComReg believes that it is possible to introduce a system of postcodes that will not affect historical and traditional townland names, particularly in rural areas. There is strong evidence from other countries which demonstrates that postcodes could contribute to the development of Ireland's social and business infrastructure and its competitiveness.

In its Report published in January 2005, ComReg identified the following advantages of using postcodes:

- Rural householders would have a unique address without losing historical townland names;
- Postcodes would help Irish businesses to become more efficient;
- Postcodes would bring Ireland in line with best international practice;
- Postcodes would improve the efficiency of the postal sector by stimulating growth in the volume of letters posted.

The full ComReg report on Postcodes published in January of this year – ComReg 05/07 – is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

ENDS

Issued By

Tom Butler

Public Affairs Manager, ComReg

Ph: 01 804 9639 Mobile: 087 2536358

tom.butler@comreg.ie