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Wholesale High Quality Access ('WHQA') Market:
End of Sale of legacy Private Partial Circuits

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1. The Commission for Communications Regulation (**'ComReg'**) is the statutory body responsible for the regulation of the electronic communications sector (telecommunications, radio-communications and broadcasting transmission) in Ireland.
2. On 5 April 2024, Eircom sought ComReg's approval for the End of Sale of Private Partial Circuits (**'PPCs'**), in accordance with Section 7.4(ii) of the Decision Instrument in Annex 8 of ComReg Decision D03/20¹. The request seeks the approval of the End of Sale of all elements of PPCs, namely:
 - (a) Transport Links (**'TLs'**) as outlined in Annex C, Service Schedule 001, of the Leased Line Reference Offer (LLRO)². This includes TLs with a bandwidth of 2Mbit/s and above.
 - (b) End User Links (**'EULs'**) as outlined in Annex C, Service Schedule 003, of the LLRO. This includes EULs with bandwidths from 64kbit/s up to and including bandwidths of 2Mbit/s.
3. Section 7.4(ii) of the Decision Instrument in D03/20 requires Eircom to "... not withdraw Access to products, services, facilities and Associated Facilities already granted without the prior approval of ComReg and in accordance with terms and conditions as may be determined by ComReg".
4. A PPC is an end-to-end leased line circuit provided by Operators on a wholesale basis to other telecoms companies in order to provide business grade connectivity – usually to medium or larger businesses. The products in question in this case are provided using legacy technology and have for the most part been superseded by more modern services provided over fibre. Demand for the provision of these legacy PPCs has been very low in recent times, as Operators avail of a suite of modern equivalent fibre-based products.
5. ComReg has decided to grant Eircom permission for the End of Sale for PPCs subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (a) Eircom shall issue notice to ComReg and Industry of its plan for the End of Sale for PPC services at least six months in advance of the planned End of Sale date.

¹ "Wholesale High Quality Access at a Fixed Location", ComReg Document 20/06, Decision D03/20, 24 January 2020, Annex 8 Decision Instrument.

² Leased Line Reference Offering ('LLRO'), version 10.0, dated 6 November 2023, <https://www.openeir.ie/reference-offers/>

- (b) Existing PPC services, and PPC services purchased up to the End of Sale date, will continue to be fully supported and maintained after the PPC End of Sale date. This will include:
 - (i) The upgrading or downgrading of the bandwidth of End User Links and Transport Links and associated timeslot changes on Transport Links.
 - (ii) Processing changes on existing End User Links and Transport Links.
- (c) Re-arrangement orders for existing PPC services to change the physical location of a termination point of a TL or EUL within the same customer building will be permitted.