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Further reductions in mobile termination charges by Vodafone, O2, Meteor and Hutchison 3G (Ireland)

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1 Reductions in mobile termination rates (“MTRs”)¹

Mobile operators Vodafone, O2, Meteor and Hutchison 3G Ireland have said that they will further reduce their maximum MTRs over the next two years until the end of 2012. These MTR reductions represent further reductions to the current MTR glidepath, as per ComReg Information Notices 09/32² and 09/34r³. The reductions are being made as part of the understanding set out in those documents that maximum Irish rates would be approximate to the European average⁴. The details of revised reductions to maximum rates to be effective by 31 December 2010 will be published in Eircom’s switched transit routing and price list by operators in due course. Further adjustments will be published every six months as the trajectory of other European rates emerges.

Separately, ComReg has initiated a review of the market for voice termination on mobile networks in line with all of its regulatory obligations.

¹ MTRs are the wholesale charges levied by a mobile operator to terminate a call of another network operator (fixed or mobile) on their network.

² Information no 09/32. Further reductions in mobile termination charges by Vodafone, O2, and Meteor will benefit consumers. Published 16 April 2009

³ Information Notice 09/34r. Further reductions in mobile termination charges by Hutchison 3G Ireland’s will benefit consumers. Published 29 May 2009

⁴ European average based on the EU simple average as published in the ‘BEREC (Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications) MTR benchmark snapshot’ reports, 1 January and 1 July annually. Ref: http://www.erg.eu.int/documents/berec_docs/index_en.htm. The most recent benchmark for 1 July 2010 was 6.07c.