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## **ODTR Statement on 3G 'B' Licences**

3G 'B' licences were offered to **O<sub>2</sub>** and **Vodafone** with a deadline for acceptance ending yesterday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2002.

The ODTR confirms that O<sub>2</sub> has accepted the offer of a B licence and paid the initial fee of €44.4m. Vodafone requested extra time, as provided under the tender rules, and the ODTR has granted an extension until 12 September 2002.

**Hutchison Whampoa** has already been awarded a 3G 'A' licence which provides for at least 80% population coverage.

The 'B' licence includes minimum requirements of 33% demographic coverage to be fulfilled by the end of June 2006 and 53% demographic coverage to be fulfilled by the end of June 2008. The total licence fee is 114.1 million phased over 15 years with the first instalment of 44.4 million to be paid up-front.

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