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ODTR to Host Major Telecoms Conference

Etain Doyle, Telecoms Regulator, today (Thursday 19th October 2000) announced details of a major conference to be held next week entitled “NEW ISSUES IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR - 2002 TO 2010.” The conference will take place on Thursday 26th October 2000 in the Great Southern Hotel ,Dublin Airport .

A panel of national and international speakers will put forward their ideas on a range of topics.

Issues that arise from changing market forces and how these will impact on the future regulatory environment

Kevin Power, Chairman of the Board of European Competitive Telecommunications Association (ECTA)

How technological and infra-structural developments will influence the future growth of the telecoms sector

Allan Tumolillo, Senior Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, Probe Research Inc.

How sectoral changes will interact with policy and regulatory frameworks

David Cleevely, Managing Director, Analysys Group

New Issues in Telecommunications - Planning for Future Regulation

Etain Doyle, Director of Telecommunications Regulation

International and National forces shaping the development of the sector in Ireland

Brendan Tuohy, Secretary General, Department of Public Enterprise

Nick Koumarianos, entrepreneur and Irish Telecoms expert, will be the Conference Moderator. He will summarise the workshop sessions and give the closing address.

Announcing details of the conference the Regulator said “ The purpose of this conference is to look beyond the immediate developments in the liberalised market and identify **new issues** that are likely to arise during the coming decade. By identifying and prioritising these new issues, the ODTR aims to develop and implement innovative and effective regulatory approaches and methods for tackling the dynamic telecoms market. Key issues in this context are, emerging new technologies that may or may not need licensing, new types of competitive behaviour by companies and anticipated international and sectoral policies that may impact on the regulatory regime.”

The format for the day will consist of expert presentations on the critical commercial, technical and sectoral issues facing telecommunications companies supported by a series of focused and interactive workshops.

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