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## Information Notice

Sub Loop Unbundling ("SLU") Report prepared  
by Analysys Consulting Limited for ComReg

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## 1 Publication of the SLU report prepared by Analysys Consulting Limited for ComReg

On foot of the Commission for Communications Regulation's ("ComReg") document 07/40<sup>1</sup>, ComReg commissioned independent consultants Analysys Consulting Limited ("Analysys") to investigate the business case for sub-loop unbundling ("SLU")<sup>2</sup> in Dublin. Currently, there are no commercial deployments of SLU in Europe, although interest is starting to increase as incumbent operators begin to deploy VDSL<sup>3</sup>.

The purpose of the study carried out by Analysys was to perform a series of interviews with other authorised operators in Ireland in order to establish whether they are interested in deploying SLU, and to determine whether the business case for SLU is likely to be commercially attractive when compared with LLU.

The conclusion of Analysys' study was a report which detailed the work that they had carried out, the methodology involved, as well as a number of recommendations for ComReg which ComReg is now carefully considering.

The report is published on ComReg's website as document reference 08/10a. ComReg welcomes comments / submissions in accordance with the normal terms and conditions for submitting responses to ComReg – see below.

### 1.1 Submitting comments

Although document 08/10a is not a formal consultation, ComReg invites written views and comments on the issues raised in it. ComReg intends to review and take in to account any comments received when carrying out any further work on the issues addressed by document 08/10a. When submitting comments, respondents are requested to refer to the relevant section of document 08/10a.

Responses will be available for inspection by the public upon request. Where elements of any response are considered confidential by respondents, these should be clearly identified and placed in a separate annex to the main document.

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<sup>1</sup> ComReg position statement 07/40: Regulatory Aspects of Next Generation Networks; published on 8 July 2007.

<sup>2</sup> SLU is a form of unbundling where the line is handed over from an incumbent operator to another authorised operator ("OAO") at a point closer to the end user than in local loop unbundling ("LLU"); the hand-over in SLU typically occurs at a street cabinet.

<sup>3</sup> Very high speed digital subscriber line.

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