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Three Companies Apply for Fourth 3G Licence

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has announced that, by the deadline for receipt of applications of 12.00 (noon) today 9th September 2005, three companies have applied for the fourth 3G mobile licence.

The applications will now be considered by ComReg.

The licence on offer is a so-called 'B' licence to provide 3G mobile services for a period of 20 years. The following is a list of the companies which have submitted tenders (in alphabetical order):

- Eircom
- Meteor Mobile Communications
- Smart Mobile Ltd.

The B licence requires a licensee to provide as a minimum coverage of the five major cities (53%) and somewhat slower minimum roll-out conditions compared with the A licence.

An information memorandum (ComReg 05/41) is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie. It describes the objectives of the competition, a description of the licences, the licensing process and framework, fees and timescales.

Three licences for provision of 3G services were issued to '3', O₂ and Vodafone following an earlier competition in 2002.

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