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An Update on Directions to eircom: Local Loop Unbundling

Withdrawal of Directions (D1/05) to eircom requiring response to industry request for developments to LLU processes and product range

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1 Background

Achieving the successful and widespread introduction of Local Loop Unbundling (LLU) is an important element in respect of facilitating and enhancing competition across a number of services, particularly in Broadband.

In tandem with LLU (and its sub products Unbundled Local Metallic Paths and Line Share) there exist a number of other wholesale products, each of which has been developed independently in line with specific regulatory obligations on the SMP (or Universal Service Provider) operator to provide access or interconnection products to access seekers.

Decision Notice D1/05 imposed directions on eircom to require that they meet with access seekers in the industry to progress key issues in relation to LLU and that the Market Requirements Document (MRD) be utilised to respond to access seekers requests for access to the local loop.

In light of the recent High Court judgement in *eircom v ComReg* (2005 No.152 JR) discussions have been ongoing with interested parties on how best to progress and facilitate access seekers requirements in terms of the development of LLU products and processes.

2 Withdrawal of Directions

Having considered the recent High Court Judgement, *eircom v ComReg* (2005 No.152 JR), and following discussions with interested parties regarding the progression of matters relating to Local Loop Unbundling, ComReg has decided to withdraw Decision Notice D1/05 “Directions to eircom: Local Loop Unbundling, Requirement to respond to industry request for developments to LLU processes and product range”

eircom, for its part, has agreed to provide to ComReg and industry its response to the new LLU developments contained within the operators’ statement of requirements by the 24th Oct 2005.