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Vodafone Accepts 3G 'B' Licence

The Telecoms Regulator **Etain Doyle**, is pleased to confirm that Vodafone has accepted the offer of a 3G 'B' licence as offered to them by the ODTR on the 30th July 2002. She welcomed the fact that three strong operators are now positioned to provide 3G services to the Irish market before 2002.

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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