



# MRS Communications Limited Termination of Jersey Class I Telecommunications Licence

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## Initial Notice & proposed licence amendment

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## Introduction

MRS Communications Limited (“MRS”) holds a Class I telecommunications licence in Jersey, originally issued on 02 May 2008 for a term of ten years<sup>1</sup>.

MRS has indicated to the JCRA that it no longer wishes to continue to provide licensed telecommunications services in the Jersey market and has requested that the JCRA cease its licence as soon as is practicable.

MRS intends to hand over operation of a number of services, principally related to the operation the amateur radio “Raynet” service, to a third party. The JCRA is satisfied that the continuing services can be provided under the remit of a the General Class telecommunications licence in Jersey (as amended with effect from 18 June 2014)<sup>2</sup> and does not intend to provide services which would require it to hold a Class I telecommunications licence in Jersey.

On this basis, the JCRA is content to terminate the Class I telecommunications licence issued to MRS Communications Limited before the completion of its original ten year term.

## Licence Termination

Telecommunications Licences in Jersey are issued by the JCRA under article 14 of the *Telecommunications (Jersey) Law 2002* (“the telecoms law”). However, there is no mechanism within the telecoms law, as it currently stands, to allow the termination of a licence before the end of its term, other than for revocation in the event of a serious breach of the licence.

The simplest way in these circumstances to terminate the licence is to amend its term from a fixed ten year term from the date of issue, to introduce a fixed end date for the licence.

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<sup>1</sup> Full text of the original licence can be found on CICRA’s website, [www.cicra.je](http://www.cicra.je); at: <http://www.cicra.gg/files/080502%20licence%20MRS%20Communications%20Limited.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Final notice CICRA 14/25, published 20 May 2014: <http://www.cicra.gg/files/Final%20Notice%20Amendment%20General%20Class%20Licence%20Jersey%20CICRA%201425.pdf>

## Proposed Licence Revision

Because a licence amendment is the exercise of a specified regulatory function under article 11 of the *Telecommunications (Jersey) Law 2002*, the JCRA is required to publish and consult on the proposal in the form of an Initial Notice. In order to allow sufficient notice and an appropriate period of consultation the JCRA therefore proposes to amend the licence so that it will end on 5 June 2015.

The relevant sections in MRS' current Class I Telecommunications Licence read as follows:

### ***11. TERM AND RENEWAL***

*11.1 The Licence commences on the Licence Commencement Date and continues, subject to the Licensee's compliance with the Conditions and the Law, and subject to any revocation or suspension by the JCRA, for the Term.*

And in condition 1.1, term is defined as follows:

*“Term”: means, subject to Condition 11, a period of ten (10) years from the Licence Commencement Date;*

The JCRA propose to make the following modification to the definition in Licence condition 1.1 of MRS' licence:

*“Term”: means, subject to Condition 11, a period ~~of ten (10) years~~ from the Licence Commencement Date until 5 June 2015;*

This consultation constitutes a formal Initial Notice of the changes set out above, in accordance with the *Telecommunications (Jersey) Law 2002*, Article 11 (1).

Note that this revision does not affect any other telecommunications licences issued by the JCRA.

## Consultation

Interested parties have a period of 28 days to respond to this Initial Notice if they wish to do so. Responses should be made in writing to the JCRA offices, address below, or preferably by email to [info@jcra.je](mailto:info@jcra.je).

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The deadline for responses is **5.00pm on 3 June 2015**.

All responses should be clearly marked: ***“MRS Communications Telecoms Licence Termination”***.

The JCRA’s normal practice is to publish responses to consultations on its website. Respondents must state if any part of their response is confidential and it should be clearly marked as such.

## Conclusion and Next Steps

CICRA will carefully consider responses received to this Initial Licence and proposed licence amendment and if appropriate will amend the proposal accordingly. If significant changes are required, the JCRA will issue a revised Initial Notice.

If no responses are received to this Initial Notice, it will automatically take effect 29 days after publication, on 4 June 2015. The Class I licence for MRS Telecommunications Limited will be revised as proposed and terminate on 5 June 2015.

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## **ANNEX 1: Revised telecoms licence**

A marked up copy of the revised telecoms licence for MRS Communications Limited is attached.