



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Cable & Wireless Jersey Limited – Application for Class II Telecommunications Licence**

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (“JCRA”) has today (12 August 2003) issued an Initial Notice in the Jersey Gazette proposing to grant a Class II Telecommunications licence to Cable & Wireless Jersey Limited.

The application by Cable & Wireless Jersey for a Class II licence follows the application, by its sister company Cable & Wireless Guernsey, for a Class I licence to pass telecommunications traffic between Guernsey and France via Jersey using the CIEG link. That licence would not allow telecommunications services to be provided within Jersey.

The JCRA is of the opinion that the grant of a licence will help to ensure that telecommunications services are provided, both within Jersey and between Jersey and the rest of the world, as satisfy all current and prospective demands and will help promote competition among persons engaged in commercial activities connected with telecommunications in Jersey.

It is intended that the licence will commence on 1 December 2003.

The application has been the subject of prior public consultation, including a public meeting at St. Helier Town Hall on 19 June. However, there is now a statutory consultation period and written representations or objections to the grant of this licence may be made by letter marked for the attention of the Executive Director, JCRA and delivered to 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Union House, Union Street, St Helier, Jersey, JE2 3RF on or before 11 September 2003.

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*Note to editors: Under Article 12 of the Telecommunications (Jersey) Law 2002, the JCRA has 56 days from the date of the reception of the application for a licence to run a telecommunication system in which to consider it.*

*The period for consideration of the application by Cable & Wireless Jersey Limited was extended by 90 days so as to allow public debate, and is now subject to a statutory consultation period of 28 days, during which all stakeholders are welcome to make comments.*

*A Telecommunications Operator Licence (Class II) is for entities providing telecommunications services to the public who do not possess Significant Market Power (“SMP”) and/or are not well-established players in the Jersey market.*