



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Cable & Wireless Guernsey Limited – Application for Class I Telecommunications Licence**

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (“JCRA”) has today (2 July 2003) issued an Initial Notice in the Jersey Gazette proposing to grant a Class I Telecommunications Licence to Cable & Wireless Guernsey Limited.

This Licence would allow Cable & Wireless Guernsey Limited to pass telecommunications traffic between Guernsey and France via Jersey using the CIEG link. It would not allow telecommunications services to be provided within Jersey.

This proposed licence does not relate to the application by Cable & Wireless Jersey Limited for a Class II Telecommunications Licence to provide telecommunications services to the Jersey public. This was the subject of a public meeting at St. Helier Town Hall on 19 June and is still under active consideration by the JCRA.

Cable & Wireless Guernsey Limited wishes to transit traffic between Guernsey and France via Jersey and applied for a licence on 8 May 2003. Its sister company, Cable & Wireless Jersey Limited, has applied to the JCRA for a licence to operate in Jersey. This latter application remains the subject of continuing assessment by the JCRA. A decision on the former does not imply a decision on the latter.

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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. By the end of this period, the JCRA must have taken a decision whether to grant or refuse a licence and must have published an Initial Notice in the Jersey Gazette according to Article 11 of the same Law. The date on which such a Notice is published marks the beginning of a 28 day consultation period (Article 11 (3) b), during which all stakeholders are welcome to make comments.*

*The period for consideration of the application by Cable & Wireless Jersey Limited was extended by 90 days so as to allow public debate. A decision on this application is likely to be taken this month and will then be subject to a statutory consultation period.*

*A Telecommunications Operator Licence (Class I) is for entities providing telecommunications services that have no discernible impact on the competitive market*

*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.*