



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **JCRA RECEIVES CLASS II TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENCE APPLICATION FROM CABLE & WIRELESS (JERSEY) LIMITED**

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority ("JCRA") today received an application for a Class II Telecommunications Licence from Cable & Wireless (Jersey) Limited.

The JCRA intends to launch an Island-wide debate on the merits of the application. This public consultation will form part of the JCRA's assessment process.

The JCRA will be considering this application over the next 56 days. Once the JCRA has arrived at a decision, there will be a further opportunity for all stakeholders to supply written representation or objections.

The Board of the JCRA will meet with Cable & Wireless in the month of April 2003 to discuss this licence application and any issues that might arise from its approval.

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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.*

*Article 12 states that “... if the Authority has not given initial notice of the exercise of a specified regulatory function in response to an application within 56 days after the application has been served on the Authority, the Authority shall be taken to have given initial notice of a refusal of the application and to have published that notice in accordance with Article 11 on the day after the last day of that period.”*

*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.*