

JCRA Media Release

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JCRA Announces Response to Expressions of Interest to provide Mobile Telecommunications in Jersey

On 3 November 2005 the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) invited expressions of interest for radio spectrum to operate competitive and advanced mobile communications services in Jersey. The JCRA today announced that Ofcom intends to offer spectrum licences to each of the four operators who expressed interest. These are:

- Bharti Global Limited (Bharti)
- Cable and Wireless Jersey Limited (Cable & Wireless)
- Colt Telecommunications (Colt)
- Jersey Telecom Limited (JT)

The JCRA is responsible for issuing licences that allow businesses to provide telecommunications services on the island. Under the provisions of the Communications Act 2003, as extended to Jersey under Order in Council, Ofcom is the responsible authority for the allocation of radio spectrum in Jersey.

JT and Cable & Wireless, which already have JCRA licences, can start rolling-out the infrastructure to provide advanced and competitive services immediately on receipt of the spectrum licences. Bharti and Colt, which do not yet hold JCRA licences, will be able to do so if and when the JCRA decides to grant them licences.

Bill Brown, Executive Director of the JCRA said:

“We are delighted that Jersey businesses and consumers can now look forward to a new era of competition and advanced services in mobile communications, allowing them to benefit from the prospect of greater choice, innovation, service quality and price competition. We have worked hard with Ofcom to get to this stage, and we will continue to work hard to ensure that the benefits of new services and competition are realised”.

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