

## **JCRA Media Release**

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### **JCRA Announces Response to Mobile Spectrum Invitation**

Following an invitation for expressions of interest to operators wishing to launch competitive mobile services in Jersey, the JCRA is pleased to announce the outcome of this stage of the process.

Jersey Telecom, the existing second generation (2G) mobile operator in Jersey, has expressed interest in applying for radio spectrum to offer third generation (3G) services. Cable and Wireless Jersey and Bharti Global Limited have each expressed interest in applying for spectrum to operate both 2G and 3G services.

Given that three parties are interested in applying for the two available 3G licences, it appears that a contest will be required before spectrum can be allocated. The JCRA will be working with Ofcom\*, the UK communications regulator, on the process and will be in contact with the three interested parties in due course.

Bill Brown, the JCRA's Executive Director, said:

“We are pleased with the response to this invitation. We shall be working with Ofcom to ensure that Jersey consumers can benefit from advanced mobile services and competition at the earliest possible opportunity.”

\* 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.

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