

## JCRA Media Release

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### **Mobile phone users to keep their numbers, says JCRA**

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) has today announced its plans to ensure that Jersey mobile phone users can keep their numbers if they decide to switch to a different mobile operator (a concept known as mobile number portability or MNP). The announcement follows extensive consultations on the subject since January this year.

In a Direction to the three operators currently licensed to provide mobile services – Jersey Telecom, Cable & Wireless and Jersey Telenet – the JCRA has required them to use best endeavours to put MNP in place by 1 January 2007, and to have it in place by 31 March 2007 at the latest.

Bill Brown, Executive Director of the JCRA, said:

*“There is clearly a strong demand for MNP from Jersey mobile users. With two new operators currently expected to enter the Jersey market, it is important that users have access to MNP in the near future.*

*MNP is simple in concept, but the JCRA recognises the scale of the work which the operators have to undertake to make it available. Our deadlines are designed to meet the demands of mobile users, while allowing operators a reasonable period to put MNP in place.*

*While the urgent need is for MNP, the system should be adaptable for other types of porting, such as between fixed line operators, in due course”.*

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