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## Two Applications for 3G Mobile Licence

Guernsey's utilities regulator has announced that two applications have been received for the second 3G mobile licence to be awarded in the Bailiwick. The deadline for applications was 12 noon on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April. The applicants are (in alphabetical order):

- Cable & Wireless Guernsey; and
- Indian Continent Investment Limited, a subsidiary of Bharti Global Ltd

The applications follow the launch of a competition by the OUR in February to award one 3G licence to further enhance competition in the mobile market. The licence will enable the successful applicant to provide mobile services in Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Herm. Currently Wave Telecom is the only licensed 3G mobile operator. The competition is being run as a comparative selection or "beauty parade" with a licence fee of £250,000 payable by the successful applicant.

Under the timetable for the competition the OUR intends to announce the successful applicant by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

For more information on the competition please see document OUR 06/04 – Competition for 3G Mobile Telecommunications Licence on the OUR's website – [www.regutil.gg](http://www.regutil.gg).

## **Information for Editors**

Due to the nature of the competition for the mobile licence the OUR will not be making any further comment on the competition or the applications received until the completion of the competition.

- **About the OUR**

The Office of Utility Regulation was established in 2001 to regulate the three utilities of post, telecommunications and electricity in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. The Office is headed up by Director General, John Curran and has four staff.

The role of the OUR is to protect the interests of Guernsey consumers and the economy. It does this by ensuring that customers receive the best in price, choice and quality services in the three regulated sectors, while at the same time ensuring that those sectors are vibrant and robust so that they can positively contribute to and underpin a successful Guernsey economy.

The OUR licenses and regulates telecommunications operators, Guernsey Electricity Ltd and Guernsey Post Ltd. Wherever possible, the OUR promotes the introduction of competition by ensuring that there is fair play and a level playing field between the operators. Where competition is not yet effective or where it is not feasible, the OUR regulates prices and quality of services to end customers.

**More information is available from the OUR website [www.regutil.gg](http://www.regutil.gg), or by contacting the Office of Utility Regulation on 01481 711120.**