



## Launch of Mobile Licence Competition and Consultation on Telecommunication Licence Fees

The Regulator today (30<sup>th</sup> August 2002) published a paper providing information to all interested parties about the licensing process in the Bailiwick of Guernsey for the award of two third Generation (3G) mobile licences and one second Generation (2G) mobile licence.

“This is an extremely important step in the process leading up to the award of mobile licences within the Bailiwick on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003 and follows extensive consultation with interested parties since this process began in December of last year”, said Regina Finn. “I was encouraged by the level of interest in the licences available. Because of that level of interest we have opted for a comparative selection process, sometimes referred to as a ‘beauty contest’ to allow all parties a fair chance of gaining a licence”.

The Information Memorandum provides background information to the competition and informs interested parties how they can acquire copies of the Tender Document in order to make an application for the licences that are available.

Commenting on the timetable for the competition, Regina Finn said “The deadline for the submission of applications is 29<sup>th</sup> November 2002 which should enable my Office and my advisors, AMI, to announce the result of the tender by 1<sup>st</sup> March and issue licences by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003.”

Also in the telecommunications sector the Regulator issued a Consultation Paper entitled “Licence Fees for Telecommunication Licences”. This document sets out the proposed methodology the OUR intends to adopt in order to recover its operating costs for regulating the telecoms market within the Bailiwick as new entrants appear in both the fixed and mobile market.

“The cost recovery methodology I am proposing to adopt is a standard approach used in other jurisdictions with multiple licensees. Licence fees are calculated as a percentage of turnover with a threshold turnover below which a flat fee is charged to reflect new entrants with low turnover as they enter the market” commented Regina Finn.

The deadline for comments on the Consultation Paper is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2002.

Copies of Information Memorandum for the Mobile Competition (OUR Document 02/30) and the Licence Fee Consultation Paper (OUR Document 02/31) are available from the OUR website on [www.regutil.gg](http://www.regutil.gg) or by calling the Office on 01481 711120.

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