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Programme of Measurement of Non-Ionising Radiation

**Site Survey Report** 

# 1. Survey Summary

Clanwilliam Place, Dublin 2	Clanwilliam Place, Dublin 2
GSM, UMTS, LTE	GSM, UMTS, LTE
24/06/2019	24/06/2019

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Measurement Location	LAT	deg	min	sec	LONG	deg	min	sec
Coordinates:	N	53	20	19.6	W	6	14	20.5

### **Purpose and Conduct of Survey:**

The purpose of this survey was to assess compliance with the limits for general public exposure to non-ionising radiation (NIR) set by the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) ("ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits").

Compliance with the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits is a condition of a General Authorisation for an electronic communications network/service as well as of various Wireless Telegraphy licences issued by the Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg).

The survey was conducted by:

- measuring the overall electromagnetic field (**EMF**) present at the point of highest exposure in a public area associated with the designated transmitter site;
- identifying the frequency of the principal emissions contributing to the EMF; and
- measuring the intensity (or level) of same.

Overall Conclusions of the Survey	
Frequency Selective Measurements: (Individual emissions measured at specific frequencies)	Below ICNIRP Public Limits (Compliant)
Total Exposure Quotient: (Assessment of cumulative emissions from multiple transmitters)	Below ICNIRP Public Limits (Compliant)

# 2. Surveyors

Survey conducted for ComReg by:	Compliance Engineering Ireland Ltd.	COMPLIANCE ENGINEERING RELAND LTD
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# 3. Survey Location Details



# **Survey Weather**

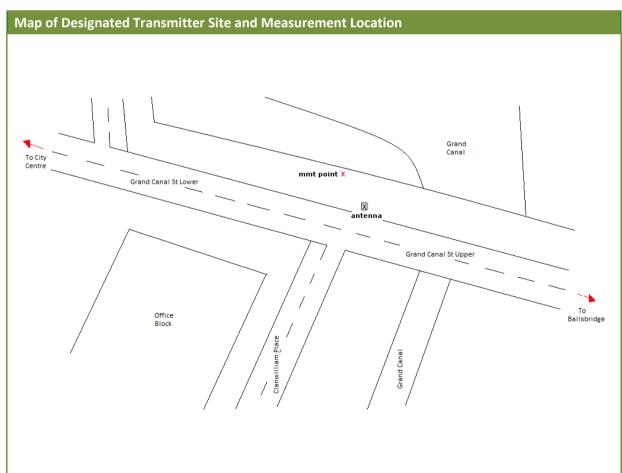
Sky: Cloudy

Temperature:

16° C

Relative Humidity:

49 %



## 4. Introductory Note

### **Purpose of Survey**

The survey of the designated transmitter site ("Designated Site") was commissioned by ComReg as part of its Programme of Measurement of Non-Ionising Radiation. The purpose of the survey was to assess whether NIR (occurring within the radio frequency part of the electromagnetic spectrum) from the Designated Site complied with the limits for general public exposure specified in the guidelines published by ICNIRP ("ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits").1

Compliance with the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits is a condition of a General Authorisation for the provision of an electronic communications network/service (e.g. mobile phone and broadcasting networks) as well as of various Wireless Telegraphy licences (in respect of transmitting stations) issued by ComReg.

### Survey Methodology

Measurements of the NIR from the Designated Site were conducted in accordance with the methodology outlined in ComReg Document 08/51R3<sup>2</sup>. This methodology incorporates many of the measurement methods and procedures outlined in:

- European Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) Recommendation (02)043;
- European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation (CENELEC) measurement standard EN 50492:2008<sup>4</sup>, and
- measurement techniques developed by the Institut für Mobil- und Satellitenfunktechnik (IMST) and the EM-Institut on behalf of the German Federal Office for Radiation Protection.<sup>5</sup>

### Note re this Report Version

If you have downloaded this report from <a href="www.siteviewer.ie">www.siteviewer.ie</a> or from <a href="www.comreg.ie">www.comreg.ie</a>, you are reading an abbreviated version. In addition to sections 1 to 8, the full extended technical version of this report contains a comprehensive technical record of the measurements and any calculations performed, a list of equipment used, as well as a technical appendix. A copy of the extended report is available on request from ComReg.

• "Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying Electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields (up to 300 GHz)", ICNIRP, published in 'Health Physics', April 1998, Volume 74, No. 4: http://www.icnirp.org/documents/emfgdl.pdf

• "Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying Electric and Magnetic Fields (1 Hz to 100 kHz)", ICNIRP, published in 'Health Physics', December 2010, Volume 99, No. 6: <a href="http://www.icnirp.org/documents/LFgdl.pdf">http://www.icnirp.org/documents/LFgdl.pdf</a>

<sup>2</sup> https://www.comreg.ie/publication-download/programme-of-measurement-of-non-ionising-radiation-emissions-methodology-for-the-conduct-of-surveys-to-measure-non-ionising-electromagnetic-radiation-from-transmitter-sites-2

<sup>3</sup> ECC RECOMMENDATION (02)04, "Measuring Non-Ionising Electromagnetic Radiation (9 kHz – 300 GHz)", ECC, (revised Bratislava 2003, Helsinki 2007): http://www.erodocdb.dk/Docs/doc98/official/pdf/REC0204.PDF

<sup>4</sup> EN 50492:2008, "Basic standard for the in-situ measurement of electromagnetic field strength related to human exposure in the vicinity of base stations", CENELEC, November 2008: http://www.cenelec.eu

<sup>5</sup> See: <u>http://www.bfs.de</u> .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Current ICNIRP guidelines:

## 5. Survey Overview

### **Survey Stages**

In accordance with the methodology outlined in ComReg Document 08/51R3, this survey was conducted in three stages:

- 1 Initial Site Survey
- 2 Full Survey Broadband Measurements
- 3 Full Survey Frequency Selective Measurements

An outline of each stage, along with the results and conclusions of the measurements, are presented in the following three sections.

### Measurement of Electromagnetic Fields

Electromagnetic fields (EMFs) can be sub-divided into two components:

- Electric field (E-field) (measured in volts per metre or "V/m"]; and
- Magnetic field (**H-field**) (measured in amperes per metre or "A/m"].

The E-field and the H-field are mathematically interdependent<sup>6</sup> in the **radiating near-field**<sup>7</sup> and the **far-field**<sup>8</sup>, which is located beyond a distance of at least the wavelength of the radiated EMF. The measurement locations for most transmitter installations lie well within the far-field, as the wavelengths of the transmitted signals are relatively short and the antennas are typically located many metres from any public area.

The following table identifies wavelengths for commonly transmitted signals:

Transmitter Type	Frequency	Wavelength
PMR Low Band VHF	68 MHz	4.41 m
UHF TV	470 MHz	0.64 m
GSM 900 (mobile phone base)	925 MHz	0.32 m
GSM 1800 (mobile phone base)	1805 MHz	0.17 m
UMTS (mobile phone base)	2110 MHz	0.14 m

In the radiating near-field and far-field, only one component needs to be measured, as the other component can be readily derived from it. Normally, it is the E-field which is measured.

In the case of transmitters of very long wavelength signals, such as long wave radio (1.19 km wavelength), the H-field and E-field must be measured separately as the point of measurement will most likely lie within the **reactive near-field**<sup>9</sup> region. In this region, located within a distance of at least the wavelength of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> E  $\approx$  H  $\times$  Z<sub>0</sub> (Radiating Near Field) and E = H  $\times$  Z<sub>0</sub> (Far Field), where Z<sub>0</sub> (characteristic impedance of free space)  $\approx$  377  $\Omega$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Beyond a distance of max( $\lambda$ , D, D<sup>2</sup>/4 $\lambda$ ), where  $\lambda$  is the wavelength and D is the antenna's largest dimension

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Beyond a distance of max( $5\lambda$ , 5D,  $0.6D^2/\lambda$ )

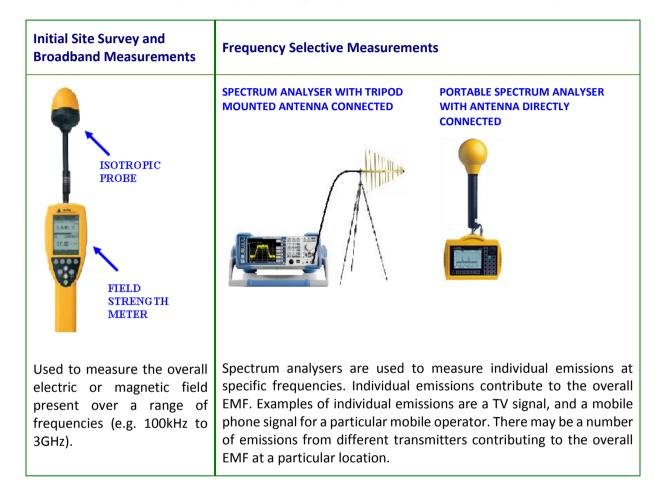
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Within a distance of max( $\lambda$ , D, D<sup>2</sup>/4 $\lambda$ )

radiated EMF, the relationship between E and H becomes very complex and there is no direct correlation between both components of the EMF.

### Measurement Equipment

The measurement of EMFs is a complex process which involves the use of various meters, spectrum analysers, probes and antennas, appropriate to the frequencies of the emissions being measured.

The table below shows examples of equipment typically used to measure EMFs in NIR surveys.



# 6. Initial Site Survey

An initial survey was carried out in the area around the Designated Site in order to determine the point of maximum NIR. This is the location at which the overall E-field strength level measured was somewhat higher than that measured in other areas around the site and represents the highest level of exposure to which a member of the general public might be subjected in the vicinity of the transmitter.

For this initial survey a calibrated **field strength meter** fitted with a **3 GHz isotropic probe** was used. The meter and probe were used to measure the sum of all electrical fields present at **all frequencies from 100 kHz up to 3 GHz**.

Once the point of maximum NIR was determined, broadband and frequency-selective measurements were conducted at that location (see following two sections).

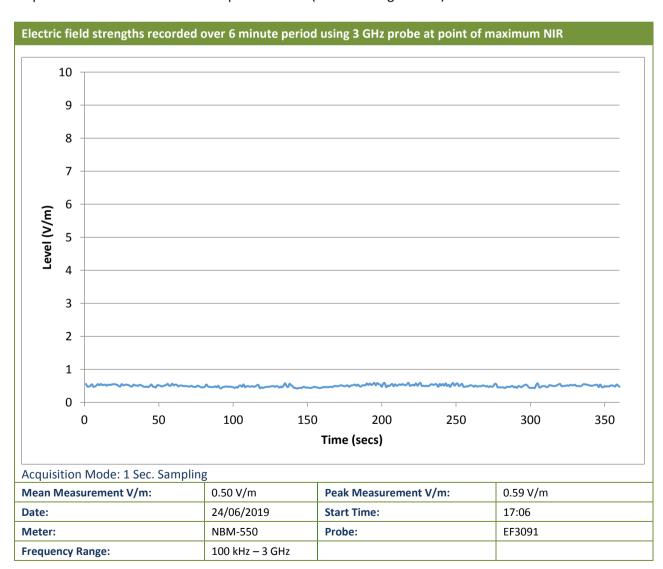
For the duration of all measurements, the various instruments, antennas and probes used were mounted on non-metallic supports.

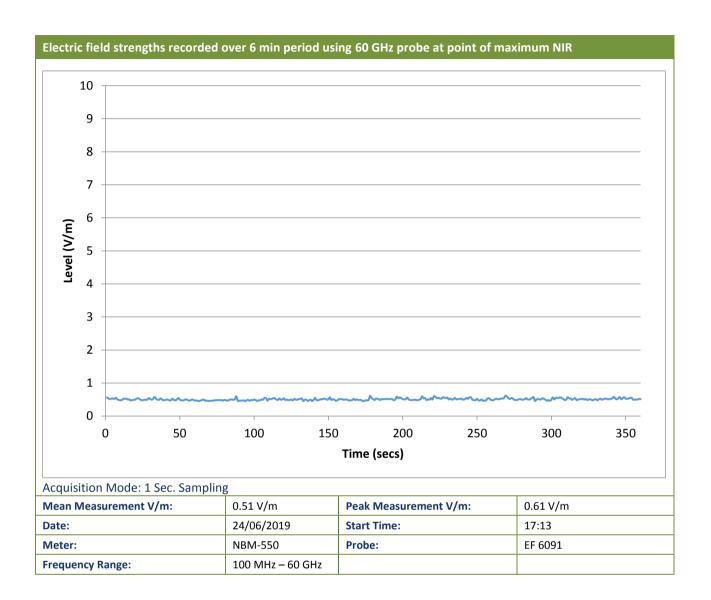
# 7. Full Survey - Broadband Measurements

The purpose of these measurements was to get an overview of the intensity of the electromagnetic field present at the point of maximum NIR near the site. There, the field strength meter was mounted on a tripod and, fitted with a **3GHz isotropic probe**, was set to record, over a six minute period, simultaneous measurements of the sum of all received signals within the frequency range of the probe. This measurement was then repeated using a **60 GHz isotropic probe**.

The broadband measurement results presented below show the levels in volts per metre (V/m) recorded during the six minute period. The average and maximum levels can be compared to the lowest maximum ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits which is 28 V/m.

If a broadband measurement is higher than 28 V/m, it does not necessarily follow that the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits have been exceeded because the limits are frequency dependent. For example, if the emissions are in the 2100 MHz (mobile phone) frequency band, then the limit which applies is higher at 61 V/m. A more detailed investigation involving frequency selective measurement is necessary to assess compliance with the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits (see following section).





### **Conclusion of the Broadband Measurements**

The mean and peak measurements were below the lowest ICNIRP guideline limit of 28 V/m.

# 8. Full Survey - Frequency Selective Measurements

### **Basic Measurement Procedure**

A more detailed survey was performed at the point of maximum NIR near the Designated Site to identify the individual transmit frequencies and field strengths of each type of emission (e.g. mobile phone (GSM, UMTS and LTE), wireless broadband, TV, radio signals etc.) and their contribution to the total EMF.

The measurements were performed using spectrum analyser equipment and a range of antennas to match the frequency bands in which emissions were measured.

### **Table of Measurement Results**

A list of the measurements made is presented in the table on the following page. For each emission measured, the table shows:

- Emission Type (e.g. GSM or UMTS mobile phone, TV etc);
- Transmission **frequency** of the signal;
- Measured Level (in volts per metre (V/m));
- Adjusted Level (if applicable to account for the characteristics of certain signal types or to compensate for limitations of measurement equipment or to estimate emissions for maximum call or data traffic); and
- ICNIRP Public Limit.

Further details of Adjusted Level/s and ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits are in the explanatory notes which follow the table of measurement results.

### Assessment of ICNIRP Compliance of Individual Emissions

The levels for each measure (as adjusted where necessary) are compared to the relevant ICNIRP Public Exposure Limit which applies for the particular frequency of the emission. It should be again noted that the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limit varies according to frequency - the limits for the different measurements presented in the tables will vary as the measurements have been performed at different frequencies.

#### Assessment of ICNIRP Compliance of Cumulative Emissions

The levels measured for individual emissions are used to calculate **Total Exposure Quotients** to assess the cumulative effect of individual emissions from multiple transmitters. Further details of these quotients are in the explanatory notes which follow the table of measurement results.

The calculated values of the Total Exposure Quotients must be  $\leq$  1 in order for the aggregate of multiple measurements to satisfy the criteria of the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limit.

Table of Frequency Selective Measurement Results						
Emission Type	Frequency (MHz)	Measured Level (V/m)	Adjusted Level (V/m)	ICNIRP Exposure Limit (V/m)	Times below Limit [adjusted Values]	
FM Radio	100.300	0.02511	0.02511	28.0	1115.094	
FM Radio	94.890	0.02247	0.02247	28.0	1246.106	
FM Radio	103.790	0.01888	0.01888	28.0	1483.051	
FM Radio	104.390	0.01646	0.01646	28.0	1701.094	
FM Radio	105.970	0.01641	0.01641	28.0	1706.277	
FM Radio	98.100	0.01513	0.01513	28.0	1850.628	
FM Radio	106.800	0.01373	0.01373	28.0	2039.330	
FM Radio	88.500	0.01322	0.01322	28.0	2118.003	
FM Radio	101.800	0.01306	0.01306	28.0	2143.951	
FM Radio	92.900	0.01195	0.01195	28.0	2343.096	
FM Radio	90.640	0.01146	0.01146	28.0	2443.281	
FM Radio	102.170	0.01121	0.01121	28.0	2497.770	
FM Radio	96.670	0.00929	0.00929	28.0	3015.617	
FM Radio	91.270	0.00869	0.00869	28.0	3223.207	
FM Radio	98.690	0.00837	0.00837	28.0	3344.082	
FM Radio	93.500	0.00770	0.00770	28.0	3635.891	
FM Radio	89.910	0.00764	0.00764	28.0	3665.401	
FM Radio	100.870	0.00750	0.00750	28.0	3733.333	
FM Radio	89.100	0.00744	0.00744	28.0	3765.972	
FM Radio	103.230	0.00540	0.00540	28.0	5183.265	
PMR	REDACTED	0.00238	0.00238	28.0	11764.706	
T-DAB TETRA	226.970 REDACTED	0.01594	0.01594	28.0	1756.587	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00792	0.01372 0.01208		2040.880	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00697 0.00622	0.01208	28.0 28.0	2318.676 2597.334	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00510	0.00882	28.0	3172.877	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00310	0.00882	28.0	3817.192	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00331	0.00734	28.0	4886.883	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00269	0.00373	28.0	6018.543	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00250	0.00432	28.0	6479.282	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00230	0.00417	28.0	6716.164	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00226	0.00391	28.0	7165.695	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00172	0.00244	28.0	11490.998	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00170	0.00295	28.0	9503.708	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00170	0.00294	28.0	9531.726	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00169	0.00293	28.0	9548.616	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00164	0.00285	28.0	9833.216	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00163	0.00282	28.0	9935.960	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00143	0.00248	28.0	11273.227	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00134	0.00233	28.0	12028.131	
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00117	0.00202	28.0	13864.329	
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	16523.390	

PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	16896.329
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	22522.276
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	24697.050
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	29526.972
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	35322.329
DVB-T	546.290	0.04003	0.04724	32.1	680.372
DVB-T	568.610	0.03563	0.04204	32.8	779.852
DVB-T	577.500	0.01275	0.01505	33.0	2196.274
DVB-T	586.390	0.01076	0.01270	33.3	2622.417
DVB-T	769.480	0.00949	0.01120	38.1	3406.426
DVB-T	736.170	0.00850	0.01003	37.3	3718.241
LTE	816.000	0.00650	0.01859	39.3	2112.849
LTE	806.000	0.01020	0.02917	39.0	1338.148
LTE	796.000	0.05560	0.15902	38.8	243.960
GSM	927.156	0.11410	0.22820	41.9	183.469
GSM	946.188	0.04192	0.08384	42.3	504.475
GSM	956.594	0.02500	0.05000	42.5	850.543
UMTS FDD	937.000	0.07275	0.27167	42.1	154.927
UMTS FDD	943.000	0.07161	0.26741	42.2	157.897
UMTS FDD	932.500	0.07146	0.26685	42.0	157.345
UMTS FDD	953.500	0.04882	0.18231	42.5	232.891
GSM	1841.280	0.02389	0.04778	59.0	1234.856
LTE	1815.000	0.01520	0.05325	58.6	1100.087
LTE	1830.000	0.01270	0.05137	58.8	1144.945
LTE	1855.000	0.01780	0.07200	59.2	822.460
LTE	1875.000	0.05040	0.17656	59.5	337.211
UMTS FDD	2117.500	0.08832	0.27929	61.0	218.408
UMTS FDD	2122.500	0.08068	0.25513	61.0	239.090
UMTS FDD	2112.500	0.04929	0.15587	61.0	391.352
UMTS FDD	2127.500	0.04306	0.13617	61.0	447.974
UMTS FDD	2132.500	0.02972	0.09398	61.0	649.050
UMTS FDD	2137.500	0.02470	0.07811	61.0	780.962
UMTS FDD	2147.500	0.02156	0.06818	61.0	894.701
UMTS FDD	2152.500	0.01561	0.04936	61.0	1235.731
UMTS FDD	2142.500	0.01494	0.04724	61.0	1291.148
UMTS FDD	2157.500	0.01348	0.04263	61.0	1430.991
WiFi	2462.500	0.08251	0.13424	61.0	454.425
WiFi	2457.500	0.04496	0.07315	61.0	833.955
WiFi	2445.000	0.03347	0.05445	61.0	1120.246
WiFi	2427.300	0.02809	0.04570	61.0	1334.803
WiFi	2475.020	0.02723	0.04430	61.0	1376.960
WiFi	2405.030	0.02622	0.04266	61.0	1430.001
LTE	3419.905	0.06955	0.29628	61.0	205.889
BWA/WIMAX	3588.286	0.14639	0.62360	61.0	97.819

Total Exposure Quotients [calculated from Adjusted Levels]					
Quotient	Frequency Range	Calculated Quotient Value	Limit		
<b>Electrical Stimulation Effects</b>	1 Hz to 10 MHz	n/a	1		
Thermal Effects	100 kHz and above	0.000410	1		

Overall Conclusions of the Survey	
Frequency Selective Measurements: (Individual emissions measured at specific frequencies)	Below ICNIRP Public Limits (Compliant)
Total Exposure Quotient: (Assessment of cumulative emissions from multiple transmitters)	Below ICNIRP Public Limits (Compliant)

### **Explanatory Notes**

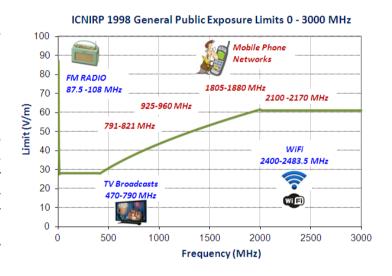
#### **Adjusted Levels**

For some emissions, an adjusted level may be required to be derived from the measured level:

- (1) to compensate for the limited measurement resolution of the spectrum analyser. For example, a measurement of a DVB-T (digital TV) signal performed with a resolution of 5 MHz needs to be adjusted upwards using a correction factor to account for the energy present within the full 7.61 MHz bandwidth of the signal; and/or
- (2) to extrapolate to an estimate of the level under maximum traffic or duty cycle from the transmitter. For example, the base stations of mobile phone networks produce emissions which vary according to the changing volume of calls or data traffic over the course of the day.

#### **ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits**

These are set out in the ICNIRP Guidelines as reference levels for the practical assessment of exposure to electric and magnetic fields, as experienced by the general public (excluding occupational exposure and exposure during medical procedures). The limits vary according to the frequency of the emissions as illustrated in the adjacent diagram. For example, the limits for Wi-Fi in the 2400-2483.5 MHz frequency band are higher than those for FM Radio transmissions in the much lower 87.5-108 MHz frequency band



#### **Total Exposure Quotients**

The Total Exposure Quotients (which must be  $\leq$  1) are calculated in accordance with mathematical formulas specified in the ICNIRP Guidelines to assess the cumulative effect of emissions from multiple transmitters. The quotients in this report are calculated from the Adjusted Levels rather than from the Measured Levels to account for total potential public exposure under maximum traffic conditions.

The two quotients are as follows:

### (1) Quotient for Electrical Stimulation Effects (1 Hz to 10 MHz)

This quotient is calculated only in a small number of cases where strong emissions in the frequency range between 1 Hz and 10 MHz are present at the survey location (e.g. near a long wave radio transmitter site). This essentially involves summing the ratios (measured field strength/applicable limit) for each emission.

### (2) Quotient for Thermal Effects (100 kHz and above)

The measurements of any emissions above 100 kHz are used to calculate a quotient to assess any thermal (heat) effects. This essentially involves summing the squares of the ratios (measured field strength/applicable limit) for each emission.