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ComReg outlines its strategy to manage Ireland's Radio Spectrum

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has today published its Spectrum Strategy Statement covering the period 2008 – 2010. This document sets out ComReg's strategy for managing the use of the radio spectrum in Ireland over the next two years in order to ensure that Ireland can leverage the maximum benefits economically, strategically and socially from use of this national resource.

Radio spectrum plays a key role in underpinning Ireland's national competitiveness, contributing an estimated €3 billion per annum to GDP and supporting over 30,000 jobs. Radio spectrum is a vital component in supporting Irish business through advanced communications systems including mobile and broadband where its contribution to the economy continues to grow at a rapid rate.

ComReg Chairperson John Doherty commented: "During this period we will see many changes in the deployment and use of radio spectrum as demand for this finite resource intensifies. Initiatives such as those planned in the mobile communications space, Digital Terrestrial Television and the ensuing Digital Dividend, not to mention developments in WiMax technology all contribute to making this a particularly busy but exciting time for spectrum management. ComReg remains fully committed to encouraging competition and supporting innovation in the interest of consumers."

The publication ComReg08/50 is available on ComReg's website www.comreg.ie.

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