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ComReg finds Hutchison 3G Ireland dominant for voice call termination on its own mobile network

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today published the conclusions of its review of the markets for the termination of mobile voice calls on Hutchison 3G Ireland's (H3GI) mobile network.

This review process concluded that there is a separate market for voice call termination services supplied by H3GI. The services under examination in this review are those for the termination of voice calls on H3GI's mobile network. A terminating network is the network to which a customer who receives a call is directly connected.

ComReg's conclusions are that H3GI is dominant in this market owing to the 100% market share, the high and non-transitory barriers to entry and the evidence which does not indicate that there is sufficient countervailing buyer power ("CBP") in this market. The European Regulatory Framework obliges ComReg to impose obligations on the operator with Significant Market Power (SMP). The obligations proposed for H3GI include:

- Transparency;
- Non-discrimination; and
- Price Control.

The paper contains both the response to consultation on the market review and a further consultation on the draft Decision Instrument setting out H3GI's obligations. In line with the procedures of the regulatory framework, ComReg is notifying the response to consultation and draft measure to the European Commission and other European regulators. ComReg welcomes comments from interested parties on the draft Decision Instrument. Comments must be submitted by 12 February 2008. The supporting document in relation to this matter ComReg 08/06 is available on the ComReg website.

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