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ComReg publishes latest Communications Sector Quarterly Report

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today published its latest Quarterly Report – covering the third quarter of 2005 – which highlights a number of key trends in the electronic communications sector.

In the three months to the end of September 2005, there has been a 19% increase in Broadband subscriptions and the growth rate in Broadband subscriptions over the last 12 months is 229%.

The report shows that as of September, there were 208,500 broadband subscribers in Ireland, with DSL remaining the predominant technology platform for broadband access. Non-DSL broadband subscriptions using fixed wireless, cable or satellite broadband represent 21% of all broadband subscriptions.

Mobile penetration reached 100% for this first time in September, with 4.05million mobile subscribers nationally. A previously published ComReg survey suggested that as many as 7% of residential mobile users have more than one active mobile subscription.

Other highlights of the report include:

- Overall revenue generated in the sector in the third quarter totalled €1.01 billion, or approximately €4 billion on an annualised basis.
- Eircom retains around 79% market share of the fixed line market in Ireland.
- 390,000 mobile users have switched mobile operator while retaining their mobile number since the launch of Mobile Number Portability by ComReg in June 2003.
- Irish mobile subscribers sent over 1 billion text messages, and over 6 million multi-media (MMS) messages in this quarter.
- 42% of Irish households subscribe to a digital TV service through a satellite or cable subscription.

The full Quarterly Report- ComReg 05/92 is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

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