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ComReg welcomes roaming agreement between O₂ and Meteor

The Chairperson of the Commission for Communications Regulation, John Doherty, has today welcomed the signing of an agreement between Meteor and O_2 which will allow Meteor customers the right to roam on to the O_2 network in certain areas.

"The Commission for Communications Regulation has approved this agreement. It is in line with the regulatory measures proposed by ComReg in a consultation on the mobile market in January 2004. This agreement has the potential to increase competition in the mobile market as it will provide Meteor's mobile phone customers with greater coverage than has been available until now on Meteor's network," Mr. Doherty said.

"ComReg believes that there is potential for further competition in the mobile market and will continue to promote such competition wherever possible," Mr. Doherty added.

Note to Editor

ComReg document 04/05 consults on regulatory measures proposed by ComReg to increase competition in the mobile market. National roaming was one such measure while other measures included access to Service Providers, such as Mobile Virtual Network Operators ("MVNOs"). ComReg has yet to finalise its position on this consultation.

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