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TRAI Releases Consultation Paper on IMT- Advanced Mobile Wireless Broadband Services.

New Delhi, 19th August, 2011- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released a consultation paper on IMT- Advanced Mobile Wireless Broadband Services.

As the wireless industry is witnessing explosive growth in the demand for both voice and data services, the number of mobile telephone subscribers, as well as usage rates, have also grown considerably. The bandwidth intensive services and the rising number of users are placing increasing demands on mobile networks. As third generation (3G) systems are being deployed in India, many operators in the developed countries are focusing on deploying further advanced system networks, called IMT-Advanced, to cater to the growing requirement of data, speed and content delivery.

International Mobile Telecommunications-Advanced (IMT-Advanced) systems are mobile systems that include the new capabilities that go beyond those of IMT-2000. Such systems provide access to a wide range of telecommunication services including advanced mobile services, supported by mobile and fixed networks, which are increasingly packet-based. These systems will facilitate higher bandwidth, higher data rate, lower authentication load, and will support higher level of user-level customization.

On 10th February, 2010, TRAI issued a pre-consultation paper on this subject for seeking the comments of various stakeholders. The comments received from the stakeholders had been posted on TRAI's website. Considering the comments received and the International practices, this consultation paper has been prepared by TRAI. The key issues raised in the consultation paper are suitable spectrum bands, block size of spectrum to be auctioned, maximum spectrum permitted to bidder, eligibility criteria for bidding, rollout obligations, spectrum usage charges, QoS parameters, security issues and other related issues.

Written comments on the issues raised in this consultation paper are invited from the stakeholders by 20th September, 2011 and counter-comments on the comments by 27th September, 2011. The comments and counter-comments may be sent, preferably in electronic form, For any clarification/ information, Shri Sudhir Gupta, Pr. Advisor (MS), TRAI, may be contacted at Telephone No. +91-11-23220018 Fax No. +91-11-23212014 or email at pradvmn@traai.gov.in

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