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BIPT grants fourth 3G licence to Telenet Tecteo Bidco NV

Brussels, 2 August 2011 – BIPT has granted the fourth 3G licence to NV Telenet Tecteo Bidco. The conditions of the licence were accepted by the licensee on 29 July.

On 27 June 2011, BIPT received an offer from the candidate for the total spectrum available (1950.1-1964.9 MHz /2140.1-2154.9 MHz) amounting to € 616,656.8/month. The administrative file was completely finalised in the course of July.

NV Telenet Tecteo Bidco opted for paying the amount bid in annual instalments over the total period from 15 July 2011 to 15 March 2021. In the meantime the payment was made for 2011 and NV Telenet Tecteo Bidco has accepted the conditions of the licence.

As a result the three operators who already acquired a 3G licence in 2001 (Belgacom, Mobistar and KPN Group Belgium) are now joined by NV Telenet Tecteo Bidco. The latter is now under the obligation to start offering its services no later than 18 months from the date when the licence was granted, i.e. 15 July 2011.

Although the information still needs to be confirmed officially Telenet Tecteo Bidco NV has already announced its wish to make use of the possibility to acquire the reserved spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz bands, with a view to putting these to use for the first time on 27 November 2015.

In the fall licences will also be auctioned in the 2.6 GHz band (4G licences). The invitation to submit applications was published on 1 June 2011 and sets 14 October 2011 as the deadline for candidates to apply.

The granting of the user rights is organised by the Act on electronic communications of 13 June 2005 and in accordance with the 3G and 4G Royal Decrees. At the www.auction2011.be website all useful information regarding the auction procedure is available.

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