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BIPT makes the results of the 800 MHz auction public

Brussels, 12 November 2013 – BIPT has successfully closed the 800 MHz auction today. The three lots sold by auction have produced a total of 360 million EUR.

Three operators have responded to the call for candidatures launched by BIPT on 14 August 2013 to participate in the auction of licences in the 800 MHz band. The 3 participants, whose application has been declared admissible by BIPT, are listed below:

- Base Company NV;
- Belgacom NV;
- Mobistar NV.

The auction started today, on Tuesday 12 November 2013. All bidders could bid during various rounds in the same period via a secured electronic bidding system. Three licences, each comprising 2 x 10 MHz spectrum, were auctioned. The minimum price per licence amounts to 120 million EUR.

The result of the auction, broken down by candidate, is the following:

Bidder	Frequencies	Bid made in EUR
Base Company	791-801/832-842 MHz (2 X 10 MHz)	120.000.000
Belgacom NV	801-811/842-852 MHz (2 X 10 MHz)	120.000.000
Mobistar NV	811-821/852-862 MHz (2 X 10 MHz)	120.000.000

BIPT will assign the 800 MHz licences to the candidates who have made the highest bid, as soon as it will have finished the full administrative procedure. The user rights acquired will be valid for a period of 20 years from notification of their granting to the successful candidates.

The 800 MHz band is extremely appropriate for indoor and rural coverage. The licence conditions connected to the third lot (811-821/852-862 MHz) oblige to cover at least 98% of the total population in those municipalities where no operator has satisfactory 3G coverage yet, within three years' time starting from the notification.

This 800 MHz band will be used to provide broadband electronic communications services of the fourth generation (4G) based on the LTE standard. In accordance with the terms of the licence, clients of 800 MHz operators will have to have access to services and applications

provided on public data transmission networks, especially on the Internet with a download speed of at least 3 Mbps.

The granting of the user rights is laid down by the Electronic Communications Act of 13 June 2005 and in accordance with the Royal Decree on radio access in the 790-862 MHz frequency band of 6 June 2013. The website www.auction2013.be contains all useful information in this regard.

Jack Hamande, Chairman of the BIPT Council:

“The development of the digital economy is essential to the economic growth and prosperity. With the result of the 4G auction another important step is taken to have all citizens enjoy the digital economy and so to reach the goal of the 2020 digital agenda. I am looking forward to seeing consumers make use of the numerous new applications made possible by 4G.”

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