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Telenet Tecteo Bidco NV/SA makes a bid on the fourth 3G licence

Brussels, 27 June 2011 – BIPT has received a bid from the NV/SA Telenet Tecteo Bidco on the fourth 3G licence for an amount of € 616,656.8/month.

Since 2001, three operators have a 3G licence in Belgium: Belgacom, Mobistar and KPN Group Belgium.

On 15 March 2011, BIPT had published a call for candidates for the auction of the user rights in the 2.1 GHz band in accordance with the 3G Royal Decree.

The deadline for the submission of applications was 29 April 2011. An application from Telenet Tecteo Bidco NV/SA was received on this date. After having studied its admissibility, BIPT found this application to be admissible.

At the request of the candidate, NV/SA Telenet Tecteo Bidco, BIPT agreed to postpone the submission date of its bid until 27 June 2011 at 10 a.m. Today, 27 June 2011, the deadline for bidding, BIPT has received a bid from the candidate for the whole spectrum available (1950.1-1964.9 MHz/2140.1-2154.9 MHz) for an amount of € 616,656.8/month. The fourth operator can choose between two methods of payment: either he settles the unique €71.5 M fee in a lump, or he pays by annual instalments.

BIPT will be able to notify the 3G licence after having closed the whole administrative procedure, planned for mid-July 2011.

Telenet Tecteo Bidco NV/SA has also indicated that it would like to make use of the possibility of obtaining the reserved spectrum in the 900 MHz and 1,800 MHz bands to use it from 27 November 2015 onwards.

The granting of rights of use is ruled by the Electronic Communications Act of 13 June 2005 and in accordance with the 3G and 4G Royal Decrees. The website www.auction2011.be contains all useful information on the course of the auctions.

Luc Hindryckx, BIPT Chairman: « *We are glad that a fourth 3G operator is entering the market. This will help to stimulate competition on the mobile telecommunications market and contribute to having a more varied offer and lower mobile Internet tariffs, to the greater benefit of consumers.* »

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