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BIPT makes the results of the 4G auction public

Brussels, 28 November 2011 – BIPT has successfully closed the 4G-auction today, on 28 November 2011. As a result 4 bidders have acquired a 4G licence in the 2.6 GHz band, i.e.: Belgacom SA, BUCD BVBA, KPN group Belgium SA and Mobistar SA.

On 14 October 2011, BIPT received 5 applications to participate in the 4G auction: Belgacom SA, BUCD BVBA, Craig Wireless Belgium Inc., KPN group Belgium SA and Mobistar SA. All applications were declared admissible afterwards.

Apart from 6 frequency blocks in the 2,500-2,570 MHz and 2,620-2,690 MHz frequency bands (FDD spectrum), also the 2,575-2,620 MHz frequency block (TDD spectrum) was put up for auction.

The auction started via a secured electronic bidding system. All bidders could bid during various rounds in the same period. Today, on 28 November 2011, the auction could be closed. Craig Wireless has not acquired any frequencies. In total 155 MHz were successfully auctioned for a total profit of EUR 77,790,000.

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

Bidder	Frequencies	Bid made (EUR)
Belgacom SA	2,500-2,520 / 2,620-2,640 MHz (2 X 20 MHz)	20,220,000
BUCD BVBA	2,575-2,620 MHz (45 MHz)	22,510,000
Craig Wireless Belgium Inc.	-	-
KPN group Belgium SA	2,535-2,550 / 2,655-2,670 MHz (2 X 15 MHz)	15,040,000
Mobistar SA	2,550-2,570 / 2,670-2,690 MHz (2 X 20 MHz)	20,020,000

BIPT will assign the 4G licences to the candidates who have made the highest bid, as soon as it will have completed the full administrative procedure. The acquired user rights will be valid for a period of 15 years starting from 1 July 2012.

The granting of the 4G user rights is laid down by the Electronic Communications Act and in accordance with the 4G Royal Decree. The Website www.auction2011.be contains more information.

Luc Hindryckx, 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 an important step forward has been taken to allow all citizens to benefit from the digital economy. The allocation of the 4G frequencies will continue to boost the market for mobile telephony and mobile internet in Belgium. I am looking forward to seeing the users benefit from lower prices and numerous new applications from 4G.”

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