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TRAI Releases Consultation Paper on draft Guidelines for Unified Licensing Regime

New Delhi, 16th January, 2012- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released draft Guidelines for Unified Licensing Regime for consultations with the stakeholders.

TRAI in its recommendation on "Spectrum Management and Licensing Framework" dated 11-05-2010 had recommended that the future licences would not be bundled with spectrum. The licences to be issued would be (a) Unified Licence covering various access services, NLD/ILD, Internet, IP-I; (b) Class Licence covering VSAT services; (c) Licensing through Authorisation and (d) Broadcasting licences.

Further, TRAI in its response to DoT vide its letter dated 03rd November 2011 had informed DoT that it is separately drawing up the detailed conditions of a Unified licence and shall furnish the guidelines through an appropriate consultation process. Based on the final guidelines for Unified Licence and Class Licence, the terms and conditions of the respective licences will be prepared.

Accordingly, draft guidelines for Unified Licence and Class Licence have been prepared and are being placed on TRAI website www.trai.gov.in.

Written comments on the draft guidelines are invited from the stakeholders by 31st January, 2012. The 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@trai.gov.in

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