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**Telecom Regulatory Authority of India**

**TRAI releases recommendations on “Spectrum Management and Licensing Framework”**

**New Delhi, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2010-** The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today issued its recommendations on “Spectrum Management and Licensing Framework”.

2. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) had sought the Authority’s recommendations on the Recommendations /comments of the Committee on “Allocation of Access (GSM/CDMA) spectrum and pricing” of May 2009. In addition, the Authority has also been requested to furnish its recommendations on the terms and conditions of existing UAS/CMTS licence with respect to the duration of licences. DoT has further sought the Authority’s clarification on auctioning of all spectrum other than 800, 900 and 1800 MHz bands and also on the issue of capping on the number of licences in each service area, removing the arbitrage from the prevailing license fee structures across various service providers.

3. In this regard, the Authority had issued a consultation paper on “Overall Spectrum Management and review of license terms and conditions” on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2009. The main issues discussed in the abovementioned consultation paper pertain to Spectrum requirement and availability, Licensing issues, Merger & Acquisition issues, Spectrum trading, Spectrum sharing, Perpetuity of licences, Uniform license fee,

Spectrum assignment, Spectrum pricing and Structure for spectrum management.

4. All the stakeholders were requested to give their comments by 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Counter comments, if any, to the comments received were required to be sent to TRAI by 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009. All the comments and counter comments were posted on TRAI's website as and when they are received. Additionally, meetings were also held in this regard, with various stakeholders in this regard. Based on comments received in the consultation process and its own analysis, the Authority has finalised its recommendations in this regard.

5. Executive summary of these recommendations are enclosed. The detailed recommendations are available on TRAI's website [www.traigov.in](http://www.traigov.in).

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