AUCTION OF RADIO SPECTRUM IN THE 850/900 MHz AND 2.3 GHz BANDS FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC MOBILE SERVICES

PROVISIONAL SUCCESSFUL BIDDER NOTICE

This is a notice referred to in paragraph 4.14.1 of the notice of the terms and conditions of the Auction (the "Notice") dated 19 July 2024 for the auction in relation to the use of the frequency blocks in the 850/900 MHz Bands and 2.3 GHz Band issued by the Communications Authority (the "Authority") in exercise of the powers conferred by section 32I of the Telecommunications Ordinance, the Telecommunications (Method for Determining Spectrum Utilization Fee) (Spectrum for Auction) Regulation and all other powers enabling it to specify the terms and conditions of the Auction and the payment of Spectrum Utilization Fees. Unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, words and expressions used in this notice have the same meaning as that given to them in the Notice.

2. The Authority would like to announce that the Bidding Stage of the Auction has been completed today (20 November 2024). The result of the Bidding Stage is set out below –

Frequency Block	Frequency Range (MHz)	Provisional Successful Bidder	Spectrum Utilization Fee Payable (HK\$)
A1	832.5 – 837.5 paired with 877.5 – 882.5	SmarTone Mobile Communications Limited	151,500,000
A2	885.0 – 890.0 paired with 930.0 – 935.0	Hutchison Telephone Company Limited	223,500,000
B1	2300 – 2310	Hutchison Telephone Company Limited	142,500,000
B2	2310 – 2320	Hutchison Telephone Company Limited	251,000,000
В3	2320 – 2330	China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited	217,000,000
B4	2330 – 2340	China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited	196,000,000
B5	2340 – 2350	China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited	215,000,000
В6	2350 – 2360	China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited	226,500,000
В7	2360 – 2370	China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited	219,500,000
В8	2370 – 2380	Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited	280,500,000
В9	2380 – 2390	Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited	119,500,000

3. Pursuant to paragraphs 4.14.2 and 5.1.1 of the Notice, each of the Provisional Successful Bidders is required to within two Business Days

after the date of this Provisional Successful Bidder Notice, notify the Authority –

- (a) whether it is a Connected Bidder in relation to another Provisional Successful Bidder by completing and submitting the Connected Bidder Statutory Declaration (the form of which is given in Appendix 7 of the Notice); and
- (b) whether it is subject to an Approval and if so, the details of that Approval.
- 4. Pursuant to paragraphs 5.3.1 and 7.13.1 of the Notice, the Provisional Successful Bidder of each of the frequency blocks in the table of paragraph 2 is required to within 35 Business Days after the date of this Provisional Successful Bidder Notice, take the following actions
 - (a) For Frequency Blocks A1 to A2, it is required to provide to the Authority a Letter of Credit in full amount of the Spectrum Utilization Fee payable by it from a Qualifying Bank to guarantee payment of the Spectrum Utilization Fee on or before 30 April 2026; and
 - (b) For Frequency Blocks B1 to B9, it is required to provide to the Authority a Letter of Credit in full amount of the Spectrum Utilization Fee payable by it from a Qualifying Bank to guarantee payment of the Spectrum Utilization Fee on or before 29 January 2027.

Communications Authority 20 November 2024