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Auction Regulation for the granting of BWA frequencies

WiMAX Forum[®] Response

The WiMAX Forum^{®1} welcomes the opportunity to provide its views and comments concerning the public consultation document identified above.

The WiMAX Forum is an industry-led, not-for-profit organisation formed to certify and promote the compatibility and interoperability of broadband wireless products based upon the harmonized IEEE 802.16/ETSI HiperMAN standard. A WiMAX Forum goal is to accelerate the introduction of these systems into the marketplace. WiMAX Forum Certified[™] products are interoperable and support broadband fixed, portable and mobile services. Along these lines, the WiMAX Forum works closely with service providers and regulators to ensure that WiMAX Forum Certified systems meet customer and government requirements. For more information about the WiMAX Forum and its activities, please visit www.WiMAXForum.org.

In Annex 1, the WiMAX Forum is pleased to submit comments on the identified consultation document.

Yours Sincerely

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Annex 1

The WiMAX Forum Response:

The WiMAX Forum supports the decision by Anacom to auction further spectrum resources in the 3400 - 3600 MHz and 3600 – 3800 MHz bands for BWA, providing operators further options to address the market in a way they consider effective. The WiMAX Forum considers this an important step to achieve increased competition in the broadband communications market in Portugal. This is something to which Anacom is legally committed and bound to implement (paragraph 2 of article 15 of the LCE). In this respect the WiMAX Forum welcomes a swift implementation by Anacom of the 3.4-3.8 GHz band auction, preceded by the publication of dates for the auction at the earliest opportunity, in order to enable operators to develop their business and deployment plans.

The WiMAX Forum ISO17025 accredited certification laboratories² are already certifying an increasing number of interoperable BWA mobile WiMAX products for the 3400-3600 MHz frequency range and several member companies already have achieved WiMAX Forum Certified status for their products.

The WiMAX Forum believes the actions by Anacom supporting the investment by industry will increase the opportunities to extend a truly broadband connection experience to the Portuguese consumers.

² In Spain, Taiwan, USA, Korea and China. New laboratories are under development in Brazil and Malaysia.