

ASSIGNMENT OF A SPECTRUM LICENSE FOR THE USE OF THIRD GENERATION MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (3G) IN NORWAY

The Ministry of Transport and Communications (“the Ministry”) has received an application for a national license for use of the frequencies 1964.9-1979.7 / 2154.9-2169.7 and 1900-1905 MHz. The frequencies are planned for a third generation public mobile telephony system (3G).

In order to give all interested parties the opportunity to compete for the vacant frequencies in this band we ask for applications to be submitted to the Ministry within 22 August 2006. Information about the usage conditions can be found in the attached draft spectrum license.

Applications must be in writing and include the following information:

- The name of the applicant, address and identification number
- Contact person (name, telephone number and e-mail address)

Applications will only be handled by the Ministry to the extent that applicants submit a bank guarantee and a declaration (also within the deadline) specified in accordance with the attached form. The amount of the guarantee shall be NOK 43 700 000 corresponding to two years’ estimated spectrum tax payable to the state and two years’ administrative frequency charges payable to the Norwegian Post and Telecommunication Authority. The spectrum tax is decided by the Stortinget in annual tax decisions and it was NOK 20 000 000 for similar licenses in 2005. The administrative frequency charges are decided annually in accordance with the Regulation on Administrative Charges Payable to Norwegian Post and Telecommunications Authority of 21 February 2005 and it was NOK 1 849 620 for similar licenses in 2006.

Licensees are not allowed to hold more than one 3G spectrum license. Neither can companies that owns a licensee or possesses ownership that gives controlling interest of a 3G-licensee, cf. second paragraph of section 1-3 of Act 13 of June 1997, own more than one 3G spectrum license.

If the Ministry does not receive competing applications within the deadline a spectrum licence with 12 years duration will be assigned to the applicant. If the Ministry does receive competing applications within the deadline, the Ministry can decide that the frequencies shall be assigned by auction.

The applications and the names of the applicants will be regarded as information available to the public. If applications include sensitive information, for instance confidential business information, all of or parts of this information can be made exempt for public access in accordance with Norwegian administrative law. The Ministry kindly asks the applicants to assess the need for asking for such an exemption and to state the reasons explaining why the information should not be made public. In case the applicant wants the information to be exempted from public access also for the time after the license has been assigned this has to be specified in the application.

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