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## Ranking of Applicants for 3G Licence Announced

Guernsey's Utilities regulator, the Office of Utility Regulation, has announced the ranking of the two applications that have been submitted for the Bailiwick's second 3G mobile licence. The ranking is:

1. Indian Continent Investment Limited, a subsidiary of Bharti Global Ltd
2. Cable & Wireless Guernsey

The competition for the single 3G licence, known as a 'beauty parade', involved a comparative evaluation of both applications to decide between them and determine the ranking. Under the rules and procedures of this competition the OUR now begins negotiations with the highest ranked applicant, Indian Continent Investment Limited, on the terms of the licence that may in the future be awarded to it.

Ultimately, the company that is granted the 3G mobile licence will be able to provide mobile services in the Bailiwick. Indian Continent Investment Limited have also applied for a 2G licence and the OUR will also be moving forward with that application.

For more information on the competition please see document OUR 06/04 – Competition for 3G Mobile Telecommunications Licence on the OUR's website – [www.regutil.gg](http://www.regutil.gg).

## **Information for Editors**

Due to the nature of the competition for the mobile licence the OUR will not be making any further comment or granting interviews on any aspect of the competition until a licence is formally awarded.

- **About the OUR**

The Office of Utility Regulation was established in 2001 to regulate the three utilities of post, telecommunications and electricity in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. The Office is headed up by Director General, John Curran and has four staff.

The role of the OUR is to protect the interests of Guernsey consumers and the economy. It does this by ensuring that customers receive the best in price, choice and quality services in the three regulated sectors, while at the same time ensuring that those sectors are vibrant and robust so that they can positively contribute to and underpin a successful Guernsey economy.

The OUR licenses and regulates telecommunications operators, Guernsey Electricity Ltd and Guernsey Post Ltd. Wherever possible, the OUR promotes the introduction of competition by ensuring that there is fair play and a level playing field between the operators. Where competition is not yet effective or where it is not feasible, the OUR regulates prices and quality of services to end customers.

**More information is available from the OUR website [www.regutil.gg](http://www.regutil.gg), or by contacting the Office of Utility Regulation on 01481 711120.**