



Microtech Ltd – T1232 Termination of Guernsey Telecommunications Licence

Consultation & proposed licence amendment

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Introduction

Microtech Limited (**Microtech**) holds a fixed Telecommunications Licence in Guernsey. The licence was originally issued by the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (**GCRA**) predecessor the Office of Utility Regulation (**OUR**) on 18 August 2004 for a fixed term of 15 years¹.

Microtech, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Everbridge Inc.², has informed the GCRA that it wishes to surrender its telecommunications licence in Guernsey. It has advised that it does not currently, and will not in future, provide licensed telecommunications services in Guernsey and has requested that it cease its licence as soon as is practicable.

Subject to this consultation, the GCRA is content to allow the early termination of Microtech's licence and proposes to amend the term of its licence accordingly.

Licence Termination

Telecommunications Licences in Guernsey are issued by the GCRA in accordance with the *Telecommunications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2001* for a fixed term of 15 (fifteen) years. At present there is no explicit mechanism within the telecoms law to allow the early termination of a licence (except in the event of a serious breach of the licence).

In these circumstances the simplest way to allow a licence holder to terminate a licence is to amend the licence to remove the fixed term and introduce a fixed end date for the licence.

Proposed Licence Revision

In accordance with the *Telecommunications Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2001*, GCRA, is required to publish and consult on proposals to modify a telecommunications licence. In order to allow sufficient notice and an appropriate period of consultation GCRA proposes to amend the fixed telecommunications licence issued to Microtech Ltd so that its term will end on 30 June 2016.

The existing licence provision states:

11.1 The Licence commences on the Licence Commencement Date and continues, subject to the Licensee's compliance with the Conditions and the Law, and subject to any revocation or suspension by the GCRA, for the Term.

And in licence condition 1.1, "term" is defined as follows:

¹ Full text of the original licence can be found on CICRA's website, www.cicra.je; at: http://www.cicra.gg/telecoms/licensee_framework.aspx#Licensees

² Everbridge Inc. is a US company based IT services and Communications company based at 500 N. Brand Blvd. Suite 1000, Glendale, California, CA 91203 USA

“Term”: means, subject to Condition 11, a period of fifteen (15) years from the Licence Commencement Date;

The GCRA propose to make the following modification to the definition in Licence condition 1.1 of the licence:

“Term”: means, subject to Condition 11, a period ~~of fifteen (15) years~~ from the Licence Commencement Date until 30 June 2016;

This consultation constitutes a formal Notice in accordance with section 8 (2) of the *Telecommunications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2001* of the changes set out above.

This revision does not affect any other telecommunications licences issued by the GCRA.

Consultation

Interested parties have a period of 7 (seven) days to respond to this Notice if they wish to do so. Responses should be made in writing to the Guernsey offices, address below, or preferably by email to info@icra.gg.

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The deadline for responses is **5.00pm on 28 June 2015**.

All responses should be clearly marked: **“Microtech: Telecoms Licence Termination”**.

Please note that it is our normal practice to publish all responses to consultation on the website. If any part of a response is confidential, the respondent must clearly indicate that this is the case and it should be clearly marked as such.

Conclusion and Next Steps

The GCRA will carefully consider responses received to this consultation and proposed licence amendment. If as a result of this consultation significant changes are required, GCRA may amend the proposals accordingly.

If there are no substantial comments and GCRA does not issue a further consultation then the amendments to the Licence will come into effect on 29 June 2016 and the Licence will terminate on 30 June.

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