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#### I. SUBSCRIBER FIGURES – FEBRUARY 2011

- ❖ Total Telephone Subscriber Base reaches 826.25 Million
- ❖ Wireless Subscription reaches 791.38 Million
- ❖ Wireless Tele-density reaches to 66.36
- ❖ 20.2 Million Wireless Subscriber added
- ❖ Broadband subscriber number reaches 11.47 million mark
- ❖ Tele-density reaches 69.29% mark

#### II. TELECOM SERVICES PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR QE SEPTEMBER 2010

- **ARPU:**
  - GSM: Rs. 110/-
  - CDMA: Rs. 73/-
- **Minutes of Usage:**
  - GSM: 368
  - CDMA: . 283/-
- **GROSS REVENUE: Rs. 41,895.95 Crores**
- **AGR : Rs. 29,736.20 Crores**
- **AVERAGE LICENSE FEE AS % OF AGR: 8.31%**
- **ACCESS SERVICES REVENUE %: 76.39%**
- **NLD REVENUE : 14.58%**
- **ILD REVENUE : 5.17%**
- **OTHER REVENUE: 3.8%**

#### III. TRAI CIRCULAR / LETTERS / NOTICE

- A. TRAI vide letter no. 409-14/2008-I&FN dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 reminded the Association to submit Information on benefits provided to rural subscribers by Service Providers.
- B. TRAI vide letter no. letter No.324-2/2011-CA dated 24th March 2011 intimated regarding Constitution and composition of TRAI Committee for Utilization of Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund (CUTCEF)

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- C. On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011 TRAI has issued a press release stating that The Telecom Commercial Communication Customer Preference implementation has been deferred the exact date of implementation would be notified once number resource for telemarketing from fixed line network are allocated.

### **IV. TRAI OHD**

- A. TRAI OHD on Consultation Paper on "Quality of Service requirements for delivery of basic financial services using Mobile phones" & "Issues arising out of Provisioning and Delivery of Basic Financial Services using Mobile Phones in the context of Pricing of Services by Mobile Service Providers" was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 at Mumbai.
- B. TRAI OHD on Consultation Paper on "Green Telecommunications" was held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at PHD House, New Delhi.
- C. TRAI OHD on Consultation Paper on "Review of Measures to Protect Interest of Consumers in the Telecom Sector" & "Certain Issues Relating to Telecom Tariff" was held 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Kolkatta.
- D. TRAI OHD on Consultation Paper on "Review of Measures to Protect Interest of Consumers in the Telecom Sector" & "Certain Issues Relating to Telecom Tariff" was held 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Lucknow.

### **V. TRAI CONSUMER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS**

- A. TRAI Regional Workshop on Consumer Education in Telecommunication for Northern Regions was held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Lucknow.
- B. TRAI Regional Workshop on Consumer Education in Telecommunication for North Eastern Regions was held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Shillong.

### **VI. DOT LETTERS**

- A. DOT vide letter no. 11-7/2010-S.I(a)(Pt) dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011 issued a letter in connection

with Public Complaint regarding Mobile Number Portability.

DOT through this letter directed all TSP's to adhere to the guidelines issued by DOT & TRAI regarding Mobile Number Portability.

- B. On 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011, DOT has placed on its website the Verbatim of Round Table Conference held with Service Providers by Hon'ble MOCIT on "Spectrum Management & Licensing Issue".

### **VII. DOT MEETINGS**

- A. A meeting was taken by Hon'ble MoC&IT & Shri. Sam Pitroda (Advisor to the Prime Minister of India) with Telecom Service Providers on National Broadband Plan on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in Sanchar Bhawan, DOT.
- B. A meeting to finalise TEC's Annual Action Plan 2011-12 was held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in TEC.
- C. A meeting of DOT Committee on Encryption and security related issues was held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in TEC.
- D. TEC DCC Committee meeting of Mobile Division on LTE GR & Revision of UTRAN GR was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 in TEC.
- E. A meeting was taken by Home Secretary and Secretary (T) with telecom service providers, in the context of writ petition /court matters/public concern on the manner and modalities of lawful interception etc on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 in Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
- F. NFAP Review / Revision Committee Meeting were held under the Chairmanship Wireless Advisor on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- G. Hon'ble MOC & IT Round Table Conference with access service providers, ILD operators, NLD operators and ISPs was held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Hotel Shangri La, New Delhi .

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### VIII. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. On 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011, AUSPI submitted a letter to Member (T), DOT regarding Provision of safety signage warning at entry of exclusion zones at BTS sites for general public.
- B. On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble MoC&IT presenting its view on some important issues related to "Licensing Framework and Spectrum Management".
- C. On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble MoC&IT countering some issues raised by incumbent GSM operators during Roundtable Conference held by Hon'ble MoC&IT on "Spectrum Management & Licensing Framework".

AUSPI requested Hon'ble MoC&IT:-

- (i) *Operators holding excess spectrum should be asked to pay for excess 2G spectrum as per the recommendations of TRAI for the past period and all the excess spectrum holding should be withdrawn.*
  - (ii) *Continue graded escalating spectrum usage charges as per the TRAI recommendations dated 11th May, 2010. Spectrum Usage Charges may be steeply increased @ 2% per MHz beyond the prescribed limit of 8 MHz/10 MHz.*
  - (iii) *Immediately re-farm 900 MHz spectrum band.*
  - (iv) *Ignore the vicious campaign of Old GSM operators to discredit TRAI recommendation to continue to get the benefits being enjoyed by them for the last almost 10 years.*
- D. On 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T) regarding Issue of MSC codes on the basis of VLR data instead of HLR data-change in criteria". Similar letters were also submitted on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011 & 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

AUSPI requested to:

- (i) *Withdraw immediately the current letter of DoT dated 7th Feb 2011 on change in the criterion for allocation of MSC codes immediately.*
  - (ii) *migrate to a uniform integrated dialing with similar 10 digit codes for both mobile and fixed services as recommended by TRAI.*
- E. On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011, AUSPI submitted at letter to Member (T) on extreme hardship on operational matters being faced by our member service providers and varying Interpretation of the document and data requirement by TERM Cells.

AUSPI requested DoT to issue clear directions on information that is to be provided by service providers to the TERM cells. Any information which is not a routine requirement should only be asked after consultation with the industry/service provider through a speaking order and after the DoT HQ has also examined the requirement and feasibility of providing that information

- F. On 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011, AUSPI submitted its counter comments to TRAI Consultation Paper on "Green Telecommunications.
- G. On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI Consultation Paper on "Green Telecommunications.

### IX. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTERS

- A. On 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011 a Joint Industry letter on the operational issues, pertaining to the Mobile Number Portability (MNP) was submitted to TRAI.
- B. On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to DOT regarding Review of NFAP 2011.
- C. On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011, a Joint Industry Dissent Note was submitted to Wireless Advisor on



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IND Remarks at IND 50, 53, 57 & 58 in the proposed NFAP 2011.

- D. On 18th March 2011, a Joint Industry Dissent Note was submitted to Secretary (T), DOT on IND Remarks at IND 50, 53, 57 & 58 in the proposed NFAP 2011.
- E. On 18th March 2011, a Joint Industry Dissent Note was submitted to Hon'ble MoC&IT on IND Remarks at IND 50, 53, 57 & 58 in the proposed NFAP 2011.
- F. On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Member (T), DOT on Review of NFAP - Indigenous manufacturing
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- H. On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Secretary (T), DOT on Review of NFAP - Indigenous manufacturing
- I. On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Wireless Advisor on Review of NFAP - Indigenous manufacturing
- J. On 11th March 2011, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Secretary (T), DOT on Review of NFAP - Indigenous manufacturing
- K. On 11th March 2011, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Wireless Advisor on Review of NFAP - Indigenous manufacturing.
- L. On 8th March 2011, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to TRAI on Issues pertaining to implementation of MNP.

### **X. ACT LETTERS**

- A. On 21st March 2011, ACT has submitted a letter to Hon'ble MoC&IT regarding Scheme of Financial Penalty for Violation of Terms and Conditions of License Agreement in Respect of Subscriber Verification Failure Cases.

### **XI. MEETINGS**

#### **A. AUSPI MEETING**

- i. A meeting was held in AUSPI on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 prior to the meeting of Home Secretary & Secretary (T) on lawful interception issue.
- ii. 114th AUSPI Executive Council Meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in AUSPI office.

#### **B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING**

- I) A Joint Industry Meeting to finalize industry submission to MHA on Lawful Interception was held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
- II) A Joint Industry Meeting to frame industry submission to MHA on Lawful Interception was held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
- III) A Joint Industry meeting was held with Hon'ble MoC&IT to discuss issues related financial penalty in respect of subscriber verification failure & issues concerning review of NFAP.
- IV) ACT meeting to discuss Subscriber Verification Penalty issue was held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
- V) Joint Industry meeting to discuss issues related to MNP Implementation was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011.

#### **C. OTHER IMPORT EVENTS**

- I) FICCI Interactive Session on National Telecom Policy 2011 was held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in FICCI.
- II) ASSOCHAM'S Interactive Session with Hon'ble Finance Minister Shri Pranab Mukherjee was held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Mumbai.
- III) 19th Convergence India 2011 was held on 24th March 2011 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- IV) ASSOCHAM Telecom Committee Meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 at ASSOCHAM House, New Delhi.

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- V) 5th Governing Council Meeting of TCOE India was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
- VI) FICCI's Communications and Digital Economy Sub-Committees Meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at FICCI.
- VII) Third CII ASCON Meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at India Habitat Centre.
- VIII) IETE Round Table Conference on NTP 2011 was held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
- IX) TDSAT Seminar on Dispute Resolution in the Telecom Sector was held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Kochin.
- X) Amity National Telecom Seminar Telefocus – 2011 was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 at Amity Campus, Noida.
- XI) 83rd AGM of FICCI was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at Hotel Le Meridian, New Delhi.

**XII. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- I) **28<sup>th</sup> April 2011:** WPC OHD on Questionnaire for Review of Spectrum Usage Charges at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
- II) **28<sup>th</sup> April 2011:** IPv6 - Oversight Committee Meeting under the chairmanship of Secretary (T) at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
- III) **4<sup>th</sup> May 2011:** FICCI Communications & Digital Economy Committee Meeting at Federation House, FICCI, New Delhi.
- IV) **5<sup>th</sup> May 2011:** 7th ASSOCHAM GLOBAL TELECOM SUMMIT – 2011 in Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi.
- V) **14<sup>th</sup> May 2011:** TDSAT Seminar on Regulatory Framework & Dispute Resolution in the Telecom Sector at Guwahati.

**XIII. TELECOM BYTES**

- ✍ *Soon your heartbeat could recharge your mobile Phone. Scientists have developed a tiny chip that can generate power by using the*

*body's own movement, a technology which they say could soon enable you to recharge your mobile phone by just holding closer to your heart, a milestone towards producing portable electronics that can be powered by body movements without the use of batteries or electrical outlets.*

**Source: Financial Express**

- ✍ *AT & T announces its acquisition of Deutsche Telecom's US company – T Mobile for \$ 39 billion along with its 34 million customers totaling to subscriber base of 130 million.*

**Source: Media**

- ✍ *A group of US college students say they have figured out how to turn smart phones into virtual microscopes that can detect malaria from a digital snapshot of a patient's blood sample. Instead of placing a blood sample under a microscope in a lab, a doctor or nurse working in remote parts would simply snap a picture of the sample with a cell phone camera. Then an image analysis algorithm - devised as a phone app that Gibeau created - calculates and detects where the malaria clusters are based on blood cells' location and staining.*

**Source: Media**

- ✍ *Indian telecom infrastructure companies, including Indus Towers, American Tower Company, GTL and Viom Networks, that depend heavily on diesel generators to power more than 3.5 lakh towers across India, are conducting pilot tests on solar, wind energy, bio-diesel and fuel cell-based equipment and rolling out clean energy solutions strategy.*

- ✍ *The number of 3G subscribers in China has passed the 50 million mark - three years after the networks first launched their commercial services. The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) says that it expects the numbers to surge to 150 million by the end of this year*

**Source: Media**



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