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AUCTION FOR RADIO SPECTRUM TO PROVIDE PUBLIC BROADBAND WIRELESS ACCESS (BWA) SERVICES

In keeping with the mandate of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Authority”) to ensure that citizens have access to a wide variety of affordable information and communication technologies (ICTs) such as high speed broadband Internet services, wireless subscription television services (Wireless Cable TV) and fixed wireless telephony services, the Authority initiated a process towards making radio frequency spectrum available to companies for the provision of the above services.

In October 2007 the Authority conducted an Auction for award of spectrum in the lower 700 MHz, 12 GHz and 28 GHz Bands for the delivery of *public* Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) services.

In October 2008, as a further step in the liberalisation of the telecommunications and broadcasting sectors in Trinidad and Tobago, the Authority commenced another competitive process for parties interested in providing *public* BWA services in the following bands in accordance with the Authority’s Spectrum Plan for the Accommodation of BWA Services:

- Lower 700 MHz;
- 2.3GHz; and
- 2.5 GHz Bands.

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Ms. Beverly Beckles; Ms. Gillian Bishop; Dr. Ronald Ramkissoon; Mr. Wayne Nakhid; Mr. Samuel Henry;
Mr. Hayden Newton; Mr. Terrence Pierre.*

The auction stage of the process took place earlier today with the following companies that had previously pre-qualified to participate in the Auction stage:

1. Digicel Trinidad and Tobago Limited.
2. Green Dot Limited.
3. Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT).

At the conclusion of the Auction, the results were as follows:

Frequency Band	Winning Bidder	Total Number of Spectrum Blocks Awarded	Total Annual Licence Fee / TT\$
Lower 700 MHz	Green Dot Limited	1	\$200,000.00
	TSTT	4	\$800,000.00
2.3 GHz	Green Dot Limited	4	\$80,000.00
2.5 GHz	Digicel Trinidad and Tobago Limited	8	\$1,600,000.00
	TSTT	10	\$2,000,000.00

The Authority wishes to thank the Auction Manager (Pricewaterhouse Coopers) and the participating Bidders for a successful Auction.