

Notice of Assignment (NoA)

For

**Auction of Radio Spectrum in 3500 MHz & 27GHz
Bands**

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Section 1: Introduction

This Notice of Assignment shall be read together with Radio Frequency Spectrum Auction Regulations No.02 of 2024 (**Auction Regulations**) and the provisions of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No. 25 of 1991 as amended.

1.1 Radio Frequency Spectrum offered for Auction

The radio frequency spectrum in the 3500 MHz and 27 GHz bands are offered for the auction for the deployment of IMT2020 (5G) Broadband Services. The specific frequency ranges available for assignment are detailed below in Table 1.1:

Band	Paired/ Unpaired	Uplink frequency (MHz)	Downlink frequency (MHz)
3500 MHz	Unpaired	3400 -3600	
27GHz	Unpaired	27000 -27400	

Table 1.1: Frequency Bands on Offer

Information on the amount of spectrum offered, reserve prices, and other relevant details are included in [Annexure A](#) (Tables A1 and A2) of [Section 11.1](#) in this Notice of Assignment (NoA).

An auction will be conducted for the assignment of spectrum lots in the 3500 MHz and 27 GHz bands. However, the Commission reserves the right to assign balance spectrum unassigned through alternative methods.

Applications are invited from prospective Bidders who meet the eligibility criteria specified in [Section 3.1](#). The Auctioneer will review these applications and register the applicants who satisfy the criteria for participation in the Auction.

Interested parties may download a copy of this NoA, along with any subsequent amendments from the official website of the Commission at www.trc.gov.lk.

The Commission has established the following objectives for the Auction:

- **Market-Based Approach:** Achieve a market base approach for the spectrum through a transparent and competitive auction.
- **Ensure Efficient Spectrum Utilization:** Promote the efficient use of spectrum resources by ensuring that assigned frequencies are effectively utilized.
- **Foster Competition:** Stimulate healthy competition within the telecommunications sector, encouraging innovation and improving service quality.
- **Service Rollout:** Facilitate the widespread deployment of IMT2020 (5G) services across the country, ensuring that consumers benefit from advanced digital communications.
- **Establish an Optimal Spectrum Price:** Strike a balance in pricing that ensures sustainable and affordable access to digital communications while reflecting the value of the spectrum.

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The Commission reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Auction, in whole or in part, to safeguard these objectives without providing any reasons. The Commission also has the sole discretion to determine the relative importance of these objectives and to assess whether they have been adequately protected at the Auction. In such case the bank guarantee will be released, and the non-refundable entry fee will not be refunded.

1.2 Timetable

The following table outlines the current timeline for the Auction. Any changes to the auction timeline will be published on the official website of the Commission. Participants are advised to regularly monitor the official website of the Commission for updates.

Auction Timetable			
Event No	Event Description	Date count-Working days	Working days for the event
1	Issue of NoA	T=0	0
2	Pre-bid Conference	T+5 Days	5
3	Last date for seeking clarifications on NoA	T+7 Days	2
4	Clarifications to NoA	T+15 Days	8
5	Last date for submission of Applications	T+23 Days	8
6	Publication of list of Applicants	T+25 Days	2
7	Registration of Bidders	T+ 32 Days	7
8	Final List of Registered Bidders	T+33 Days	1
9	Submission of Acceptance Confirmation Certificate	T+38 Days	5
10	Mock Auction	T+39 Days	1
11	Start of the Bidding of the Auction	T+40 Days	1
12	Stop the Bidding of the Auction	T+40 Days	0
13	Announce the outcome of the Auction	T+40 Days	0
14	Payment of the Successful Bid Amount as per the payment schedule	Within 10 calendar days of the issue of Demand Notice ³ by the Commission and follow the schedule	10
15	Closing the Auction	T+50 Days	0

Note:

1. The Commission reserves the right to modify the overall timeline or amend specific dates as necessary.
2. The venue and date/time of the Pre-Bid Conference will be announced separately on the official website of the Commission.

3. Demand Notice means the notice issued by the Commission to the Winning Bidder/s informing to make the due payment.

1.3 Auctioneer

The Auction will be conducted by a committee appointed by the Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Auctioneer." This Auctioneer is responsible for advising the Commission on all matters related to the Auction. The administration and execution of the Auction will also fall under the purview of the Auctioneer.

If, at any time during the course of this Auction, the performance of any obligation by either party is prevented or delayed due to events beyond their control such as war, hostility, acts of public enemy, civil commotion, sabotage, acts of State or directions from Statutory Authorities, explosions, pandemics or epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, lockouts, fires, floods, natural calamities, or any other acts of God (hereinafter referred to as "EVENT") neither party shall be held liable for any claims or damages arising from such non-performance or delay.

The Auction shall be ceased in case of such EVENT and be resumed as soon as practicable after the EVENT has ceased or no longer exists. The decision of the Commission regarding the resumption or recommencement of the Auction, including the timeframe within which it may occur, shall be final and binding.

1.4 Dispute Settlement and Jurisdiction

In the event of a dispute during the auction the Auctioneer is the sole arbiter; and the Auctioneer's decision is final.

1.5 Governing Law

All Bidders shall be governed by the laws of Sri Lanka, more fully described statutory provisions and regulations made under the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act No. 25 of 1991, as amended by the Sri Lanka Telecommunications (Amendment) Act No. 27 of 1996 and the Sri Lanka Telecommunications (Amendment) Act No. 39 of 2024. (Herein after referred as the Act)

Section 2: Technical Information

2.1 Spectrum Lot Size and the Duration of the Radio Frequency Assignment.

Rights to use radio frequency spectrum at specified frequencies in the 3500 MHz and 27 GHz bands (subject to fulfilment of eligibility conditions, relevant license conditions and any other conditions applicable to specific frequency lots) for a period of ten (10) years from the 'Effective Date'.

The "Effective Date" is defined as the date of frequency assignment specified in the Frequency Reservation Permit issued to the Winning Bidder/s.

The maximum lot size of radio frequency spectrum to be auctioned per Bidder in various bands is given in the Table 9.6.1 under [Section 9.6](#).

2.2 Technology

Radio frequency spectrum lots acquired through the Auction may be aggregated as needed to support the technology requirements and shall be deployed using IMT 2020 standard(5G) within the scope of the system license.

2.3 Captive Non-Public Network

The Commission will periodically issue rules, regulations and guidelines for the establishment of Captive Non-Public Networks (CNPNS). Winning Bidder/s may offer CNPNs to enterprises by utilizing radio frequency spectrum acquired through this Auction.

It is the responsibility of Winning Bidder/s to ensure that the prescribed Quality of Service (QoS) of the network is maintained, including the interference-free coexistence of public and private networks.

2.4 Radio Frequency Licence Fees

The Winning Bidder/s will be required to obtain an annual radio frequency license in accordance with Section 22 of the Act on payment of Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence Fee as specified by the rules and/or regulations applicable at the time of payment of the fee, in addition to the payment of the winning bid price.

In the event of a non-payment period the Commission is free to auction the frequency lots for new assignments.

Section 3: Eligibility and Registration

3.1 Eligibility criteria

Any Bidder holding a Telecommunication System Licence issued under Section 17(2) of the Act to provide Digital Mobile Cellular Communication services here after referred as “Cellular Mobile Operator” is eligible for registration.

Eligible Bidder shall bid for 100 MHz spectrum lot in the 3500 MHz and 200 MHz spectrum lot in 27 GHz band separately, subject to the provisions outlined in this NoA. A Bidder is eligible for winning only one lot in 3500 MHz band and 27GHz band respectively.

3.2 Eligibility Conditions

- (i) Eligible Bidders shall comply with conditions of radio frequency Reservation Permit, subsequent licence and other prescribed conditions such as rollout obligations, Bank Guarantees etc.
- (ii) The Bidders will have to submit a declaration regarding the Spectrum Holding in each band as per format at [Annexure K](#).
- (iii) The spectrum caps are mentioned in [Section 9.8](#) and shall be applicable for all Bidders.
- (iv) The Bidder shall have the capability to meet investment commitments set out by the Commission and shall agree to submit Bank Guarantees as set out by the Commission at the time of application for participation in the Auction. The Bidder shall submit the undertaking in this effect as specified in [Annexure H](#).
- (v) The value of the Bank Guarantee as per Table A1 and Table A2 of [Annexure A](#) in [Section 11.1](#) of NoA will determine the eligibility of Bidders to make bids during the Clock Stage of the Auction, as described subsequently in [Section 4.1.5](#);

3.3 Registration Requirements

The Eligible Bidder must satisfy the following to be considered as a registered bidder to participate in the Auction. The Commission shall issue an identification for each registered bidder.

- Payment of entry fee
- Duly filled Application
- Submission of dully filled application on or before the last date of submission of such applications, as per the [4.1.1](#) to [4.1.5](#)

- Provision of information as per the application
- The required certifications and undertakings
- Submission of Bank Guarantee as per the [Annexure G](#). The value of the Bank Guarantee as per Table A1 and Table A2 of [Annexure A](#) in [Section 11.1](#) of NoA.
- Any other declarations and the documents specified in the [Annexure E](#) Failure to provide any of these documents or to make the payment within the time specified may result in the applicant not qualifying for the Auction and will result in forfeiting the Bank Guarantee.

3.4 Withdrawal of the Application

Bidders are not entitled to withdraw the application at any stage. In such case or not participate in the Auction described in the NoA will result in forfeiting the Bank Guarantee.

Section 4: Application Procedure

4.1 Application format and procedure for submission

In order to register for the Auction, prospective Bidders must submit an application on or before the last date for submission of such applications, as per the 4.1.1 to 4.1.5. as described in the [Section 3.3](#).

The Commission reserves the right to summarily disqualify any Registered Bidder at any stage of the auction or after the auction is completed on grounds of non-compliance with eligibility conditions, misrepresentation, non-compliance with **Auction Regulations**, non-compliance with any other pre-condition prescribed for participating in the Auction or being awarded the spectrum or any matter contrary to the public interest.

The Bidder's Bank Guarantees shall be forfeited, and the Commission may undertake legal action against such a Bidder for such breaches.

4.1.1 Application Requirements

Prospective Bidders are required to submit:

- (i) A duly filled Application Form and all supporting documents including the necessary undertakings and the Application Checklist as per [Annexure E](#);
- (ii) Prescribed entry fee;
- (iii) A Bank Guarantee (as per format provided in, [Section 11.7-Annexure G](#) from any commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka in the prescribed form, of an amount described in the [Annexure G](#).

Given that flexibility has been provided in the **Auction Regulations** for Bidders to be able to bid for any of the bands, applicants should furnish sufficient bank guarantee to enable them to choose different bands during the Auction. The value of the Bank Guarantee will determine the eligibility of Bidders to make bids during the Clock Stage of the Auction, as described subsequently in [Section 4.1.5](#);

- (iv) Bidders are required to nominate a primary authorized person, who is empowered to take all decisions connected with this auction on the Bidder's behalf and correspond on behalf of the Bidder with the Auctioneer, along with a Board Resolution and special Power of Attorney empowering her/him for the same.

Bidder may authorize one more person on the basis with the same authority, who could act as the alternate authorized person in case of unavailability of the primary authorized

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person. In case of any duplication of submissions made by the Bidder, the submission from the primary authorized person shall be considered as final and binding.

4.1.2 Submission of Application

Applications must be submitted in hard copy, to be received between 10:00am (Sri Lanka Standard Time) on 10.11.2025 and 4:00pm (Sri Lanka Standard Time) on 10.11.2025 during office hours, at the following address:

Chairman

Auction Committee

Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

No. 276, Elvitigala Mawatha,

Colombo 08.

Applications received after the prescribed deadline shall summarily be rejected and returned unopened.

Six sets of the Application need to be submitted in separate sealed covers. The first set shall be marked as “ORIGINAL” and shall be duly signed in ink on each page by the applicant. The other five copies of the original set shall be marked as “COPY No. ” (Starting from 2-6). Each page of the Application shall be numbered. In case of discrepancies between the copies and the Original, the Original shall prevail. However, the Auctioneer also reserves the right to summarily reject applications in case of discrepancies between the copies and the original. The name and address of the Applicant shall be displayed on each of the sealed covers. The Applicants should also submit write protected scanned copy of the original set on **USB Drive/ External Hard Drive** in a single “pdf” document with pages in the same order as in the original application.

Applicants should note that, at its sole discretion, the Commission may designate another time and/ or place at which applications should be submitted. However, this power will only be used in exceptional circumstances. The alternative location will be published on the official website of the Commission.

Applications should be marked as:

“Application for Registration – Auction of Radio Frequency Spectrum in 3500 MHz and 27 GHz Bands”

Applications should contain:

- (i) A completed Application Form and all supporting information including the necessary undertakings;

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- (ii) A non-refundable entry fee of LKR. 100,000/- (Rupees one hundred thousand only) payable to the Commission, by direct deposit/ Transfer to designated bank account. The Bank Account details are as follows:

Bank Details:

Bank Name : People's Bank

Bank Code : 7135 Branch Code: 119 Swift Code: PSBKLKLX

Account Number : 119-1001-4-3693169.

- (iii) Bidder's Bank Guarantee of the value equivalent to the 10% of the reserve price as per Table A1 and Table A2 of [Annexure A](#) in [Section 11.1](#) of NoA.
- (iv) Nomination of the authorized person for correspondence on behalf of the Bidder as described item 3 of in [Section 11.6](#).
- (v) Nomination of the primary and alternate authorized persons along with a Board Resolution and Special Power of Attorney empowering her/him to take all decisions connected with the Auction on the Bidder's behalf.

If at any later date, it is found that averments/ facts submitted by the applicant in the application from which it has been considered eligible for the Auction is incorrect or false, the Commission reserves the right to disqualify the Bidder as well as take legal action against such Bidder based on the recommendations of the Auctioneer, including but not limited to, forfeiting its Bank Guarantee as well as withdrawing any frequency assignment that may have been made to such a Bidder in the Auction.

Withdrawal of Applications shall not be allowed by any means and at any stage of the Auction.

Any cellular mobile operator merged with another cellular mobile operator or any cellular mobile operator acquired by another cellular mobile operator will consider as single entity and in case of merger only one cellular mobile operator will be qualified to apply for the radio frequency spectrum auction. In case of acquisition, only the cellular mobile operator who acquired the other will be qualified to apply for the radio frequency spectrum auction.

Application format and documents summarized as below.

Sl. No	Section	Annexure	Name/ Description
1.	11.5	E	Application Checklist
2.	11.6	F	Application Format for 3500 MHz and 27 GHz Bands Auction
3.	11.7	G	Format for Bank Guarantee
4.	11.9	J	Format for Acceptance Compliance Certificate for the Radio Frequency Spectrum Auction in 3500 MHz and 27 GHz Bands

5.	11.10	K	Format of declaration by Bidders
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Table 4.1.2.1: Application Formats/ documents

4.1.3 Acceptance Confirmation Certification

After the last date of submission of applications, the Commission shall publish the list of Applicants.

After this, Registered Bidders shall be required to submit an acceptance confirmation certification for the list of Registered Bidders. (the “Acceptance Confirmation Certificate” at [Annexure J – Section 11.10](#)) before 4:00 PM of the deadline indicated in the Auction Timetable. The Commission reserves the right to modify this deadline and publish the same in the official website of the Commission.

Formats for application and various undertakings are provided in [Section 11.5 -11.10 \(Annexure E to Annexure K\)](#).

4.1.4 Additional Information

During the Registration stage, the Auctioneer may request Bidder to provide additional information or documentation relating to their applications.

4.1.5 Bank Guarantee

4.1.5.1 Bank Guarantee Requirement for Bidders

A Bank Guarantee from a Licensed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka to the value as per Table A1 and Table A2 of [Annexure A](#) in [Section 11.1](#) of NoA, needs to be submitted along with the Application for prequalification. The Bank Guarantee shall be valid up to three months from the date of closing of the Auction and extendable for a further period of six months at the request of the Commission, in the prescribed format as given in [Section 11.7 - Annexure G](#).

In addition, the Bank Guarantee will determine the initial eligibility of bidders in the auction. At no stage in the auction the Bidder shall be allowed to bid for more radio frequency spectrum lots than the initial eligibility corresponding to the Bank Guarantee.

Without prejudice to any other remedy that may be available to it, the Commission reserves the right to forfeit the Bank Guarantee in case that:

- (i) If the Bidder fails to register.
- (ii) If the Registered Bidder has been notified of the acceptance of its application by the Commission, during the period of validity of the applications:
 - a. Fails or refuses to execute the upcoming actions in the NoA; or

- b. Fails to deposit the Successful Bid Amount in the stipulated timeframe as per the NoA;
- (iii) The Bidder misrepresents facts in its application;
- (iv) The Bidder violates any of the **Auction Regulations** or otherwise disrupts the Auction;
- (v) The Bidder does not submit a positive response as per the NoA in the first Clock Round of the Clock stage at the Auction described in [Section 9.9](#) of NoA.
- (vi) The Bidder withdraws its application during the period of its validity specified in the NoA.

The Bank Guarantee will be returned following the end of the auction and after meeting all the necessary obligations under the **Auction Regulations**, as applicable for both Winning Bidder/s and Losing Bidder/s.

4.1.5.2 Bank Guarantee Requirement for Winning Bidder/s

Winning Bidder/s shall, within the specified timeframe outlined in the Timetable 6.1.1.1 and Table 8.2.1, submit an irrevocable, unconditional, and on-demand Bank Guarantee in the format prescribed by the Respective Bank and acceptable to the Commission. The Bank Guarantee shall be issued by a licensed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka and shall be payable to the Commission without any demur, protest, or the need to assign reasons for the demand.

The Bank Guarantee shall serve as financial security to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the NoA. Failure to submit the Bank Guarantees within the stipulated period may result in the forfeiture of the winning position, at the sole discretion of the Commission.

The Commission reserves the right to encash the Bank Guarantee at any time without prior notice in the event of non-compliance, default, or breach of obligations by the Winning Bidder.

4.2 Entry Fee

The Applicant shall pay a non-refundable entry fee of LKR. 100,000/- (Rupees one Hundred Thousand) payable to the Commission through a direct deposit to Bank Account of the Commission or Bank Direct Transfer.

The Bank Account details are as follows:

Bank Details:

Bank Name : People's Bank
Bank Code : 7135 Branch Code: 119
Swift Code: PSBKLKLX
Account Number : 119-1001-4-3693169.

4.3 Announcement of Registered Bidders

On submission of the list of Registered Bidders, the Auctioneer shall communicate the list of Registered Bidders to all Pre-qualified Bidders. At the same time, each Registered Bidder with an identification number shall be issued a notice (the “Bidder Participation Notice”), which includes details on how to participate in the Auction.

4.4 Contact and Further Information

4.4.1 Contacts for further Enquiries

Enquiries shall be directed to the following e-mail address: spectrumauction@trc.gov.lk.

If any enquiries are received within the time period specified in Event No. 3 of Auction Timetable, the Auctioneer may respond within the time period specified in Event No. 4 of Auction Timetable. Auctioneer may respond to any query, in part or full, at its sole discretion.

4.4.2 Disclosure of further information

Following the issuance of this NoA, the Commission has the discretion to publish further information as an Addenda to the NoA in response to any clarification requested within the time period specified in Event No. 3 of Auction Timetable based on the recommendations of the Auctioneer.

All such addenda will constitute as part of the NoA and shall be binding for compliance with the Bidders. The addenda if any, will be duly notified to all Bidders.

4.4.3 Responsibilities of the Auctioneer at the execution of the Auction

The Auctioneer is responsible to;

- i. invite bids for each spectrum lot at the Auction.
- ii. identify the registered Bidder who makes the highest bid for the spectrum lot.

In the event of a disputed bid:

- i. the Auctioneer is the sole arbiter; and
- ii. the Auctioneer’s decision is final.

Section 5: Use of Spectrum

5.1 Spectrum Governance

Winning Bidders in this auction will be granted significant rights and privileges associated with the use of the assigned spectrum. These include, but are not limited to, the right to deploy and operate 5G networks and services in accordance with the licence conditions, the ability to engage in spectrum sharing arrangements subject to prior approval of the Commission, and the right to leverage the assigned frequencies for innovative technologies and service offerings. Such privileges are expected to enable Winning Bidders to expand their network coverage, improve service quality, and generate substantial commercial benefits, thereby contributing to the advancement of Sri Lanka's digital economy.

5.2 Spectrum Sharing

Radio Access Network Sharing is permitted from the date of the Frequency Reservation Permit in the radio frequency spectrum acquired through this auction based on the Telecommunications Infrastructure Sharing Regulations No. 1 of 2024 as amended from time to time.

5.3 Spectrum Trading

Trading of radio frequency spectrum assigned under this auction is prohibited.

5.4 Spectrum Surrender

Surrendering of radio frequency spectrum assigned through this auction is permitted and all the fees/ charges due to the Commission till the date of surrendering shall be paid before the frequency surrendering date. The Commission does not refund any fee/ charge paid for the remaining period.

5.5 Spectrum Audit

To ensure efficient utilization of radio frequency spectrum and to ensure fulfilment of rollout obligations, Commission may conduct spectrum audits. The Winning Bidders shall provide all required technical and human resources including technical information, access to systems and tools for verification of compliance.

5.6 Breach & revocation

The frequency reservation permit or radio frequency licence shall be revoked if the Commission determines the user of the spectrum to be in breach of any of the conditions of the frequency reservation permit or radio frequency licence. If at any stage, the frequency reservation permit or the licence shall be revoked and no refund will be made. Any relevant Bank Guarantees will be encashed.

Section 6: Payment

6.1 Payment Terms

6.1.1 Payment Options and procedure

Winning Bidder/s shall make the payment (in Sri Lankan Rupees) in accordance with any of the following two options:

Option 1: Full payment of the winning bid within 10 days from the date of demand notice

A 10% discount will be granted if the Winning Bidder chooses this option. The discount should be 10% or the difference between the auction winning bid price and the base price, whichever is smaller.

Option 2: Payment of 5 (five) annual instalments of the bid amount in advance at the beginning of each year, the first instalment of 10% (ten percent) of the bid value becoming payable within 10 days from the date of demand notice. The balance 4 instalments shall become due and payable annually on the Effective Date of each following year as follows. Before end date the first year 15% of the bid value, before end of the second year 20% of the bid value, before end of the third year 25% of the bid value and before end of the fourth year 30 % of the bid value shall be paid within 10 days from the date of demand notice. To ensure and guarantee the payments, unconditional and irrecoverable bank guarantees obtained from a licensed commercial bank shall be submitted for the whole instalment period before issuing the frequency assignment. After payment of respective annual instalment, the corresponding bank guarantee is released by TRCSL within 10 (ten) days from the date of payment.

Period:	Due date	Value of the Bank Guarantee (LKR)	Validity Period: from the date of frequency assignment
2 nd Installment	Within 10 calendar days of the issue of relevant demand notice by TRCSL	15% of the Bid Price	15 months
3 rd Installment		20% of the Bid Price	27 months after the first year
4 th Installment		25% of the Bid Price	39 months after the first year
5 th Installment		30% of the Bid Price	51 months after the first year

Table 6.1.1.1: Bank Guarantees for installments

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A schedule of payments is given in Tables D1 and D2 respectively of [Section 11.4 - Annexure D](#) to this NoA.

Winning Bidder/s shall pay the Final Winning Price or first instalment in case of deferred payment option within ten (10) calendar days of the issuance of Demand Notice by the Commission, failing which the bank guarantees shall be forfeited. In case the due date of payment is a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday, the due date for payment will be considered as the next working day.

Winning Bidder/s shall pay the respective installments in full within the period specified in the above Option 2, failing which the bank guarantees shall be forfeited. In case the due date of payment is a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday, the due date for payment will be considered as the previous working day.

All payments will need to be made by the Winning Bidder/s into the designated account that shall be specified by the Commission.

The winning bidder ceases to have all rights to the spectrum lots in case of non-payment within the specified time periods. Such spectrum slots will be made available by the Commission for new assignments.

6.1.2 Pre-Payment

Pre-payment of one or more installments will be allowed on any date before the due date. In such pre-payments shall only be allowed to the amounts equal to the installment or combination of installments.

Section 7: Assignment of Radio Frequency Spectrum

7.1 Frequency Reservation Permit and Radio Frequency Licence

The Commission shall issue a Frequency Reservation Permit specifying the frequencies to the Winning Bidder/s within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt of Final Winning Price in full or first installment of the Final Winning Price in case of deferred payment option.

A radio frequency licence shall be issued after the payment of annual Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence Fee as published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1,497/23 with additional 20% as per the budgetary proposal in the year 2023 or any applicable subsequent amendments or new regulations.

Winning Bidder/s shall pay all the taxes and levies are applicable at the time of payment.

Section 8: Network Roll-Out

8.1 Roll-Out Obligations

The licensee to whom the radio frequency spectrum is assigned shall have network roll-out obligations as detailed in this Section. The obligation reflects both the need to ensure the efficient use of radio frequency spectrum and provide IMT 2020 (5G) services to customers.

The Winning Bidder/s shall make its own arrangements for all infrastructure involved in rolling out of the network and shall be solely responsible for installation, commissioning and operation of all necessary equipment and systems.

Further, the Winning Bidder/s shall be responsible for making its own arrangements for Right of Way (RoW) and other necessary permissions/clearances required as per relevant laws/ regulations/ directions of the respective agencies. The delay in getting permission/clearance from any agency shall not be construed or taken as a reason for non-fulfilment, or delay in compliance of the Roll-Out obligations and shall not be taken a valid reason for not carrying out any obligations imposed by the terms of this NoA.

8.2 Roll-Out Obligations For 3500MHz and 27 GHz bands

The following roll-out obligations have to be fulfilled by the Bidder/s acquiring radio frequency spectrum through this auction in 3500 MHz band. There will be no specific roll-out obligation for 27 GHz band.

Phase	Roll-Out Target Municipal Councils	Roll-Out Target Urban Councils	Roll-Out Target Pradeshiya Saba	Value of Bank Guarantee (BG) (LKR Million)	Validity of BG (period begins from respective year)
1 st Year	20%	-	-	350	15 months
2 nd Year	50%	20%	-	350	15 months
3 rd Year	65%	35%	10%	350	15 months
4 th Year	75%	50%	20%	350	15 months
5 th Year	80%	60%	30%	350	15 months

Table 8.2.1: Roll-Out Commitments

*Note: A comprehensive report should be submitted along with the proof documents within twenty-one calendar days from the lapse of each commitment period.

The Commission encourages Winning Bidder/s to take proactive steps toward achieving meaningful population coverage, which is a key indicator of effective spectrum utilization and national broadband development. The Commission strongly recommends that licensees endeavor to achieve the following population coverage targets using radio frequency spectrum allocated under this auction:

- **By end of 2026: Minimum 30% population coverage**
- **By end of 2027: Minimum 50% population coverage**
- **By end of 2028: Minimum 60% population coverage**

Licensees are encouraged to achieve geographical coverage in a combination of urban, suburban, and rural deployments to meet these indicative coverage targets. The Commission may request periodic reporting on progress made toward these goals and will consider such efforts positively in future radio frequency spectrum engagements and evaluations.

8.3 Conditions for roll-out obligations for 3500 MHz Band

- (a) Each milestone of the roll-out obligations mentioned above would be considered as cumulative values.
- (b) The further expansion may lie with the Licensee depending on their business decisions.
- (c) The roll-out obligations shall have to be met only by setting up own active infrastructure using radio frequency spectrum assigned through this auction.

8.4 Verification of Roll-Out Obligations

- (i) For the purpose of verification of the network roll-out obligations, licensee shall coordinate with Spectrum Management Division of the Commission.
- (ii) Final Acceptance Test Certificate date shall be the date of meeting the roll-out obligation.
- (iii) The licensee shall submit a certified site list confirming the fulfilment of roll-out obligations of required number of sites. The details of the IMT-2020 (5G) coverage in the Tab file format or in any other format defined by the Commission from time to time shall also be provided by the licensee along with the site list mentioned above. To keep the customers informed about IMT-2020 (5G) roll-out, the Cellular Mobile Operator shall publish the network deployment map on their website depicting the areas where the services have been launched using 3500 MHz & 27 GHz bands separately.

8.5 IMT-2020 (5G) Network Security

Cellular Mobile Network Operators shall comply with internationally accepted standards and frameworks for 5G network security. In particular, operators shall implement security measures in line with ITU-T Recommendations for IMT-2020 network requirements and security (e.g., Y.3101) and guidance on quantum-safe protections (X.1811); 3GPP security architecture and assurance specifications for the 5G System (TS 33.501) together with security assurance catalogues and test requirements (TS 33.117/SCAS); and GSMA frameworks and guidelines such as the Network Equipment Security Assurance Scheme (NESAS) and the GSMA 5G Security Guide (FS.40). Compliance with these standards shall be applied across the core, transport, radio access network (RAN), inter-PLMN interfaces, and device onboarding, to ensure both network integrity and end-user protection.

Cellular Mobile Network Operators are recommended to refer following links for more information:

- ITU-T Y.3101: <https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-Y.3101/en>
- ITU-T X.1811: https://www.itu.int/rec/dologin_pub.asp?id=T-REC-X.1811-202104-I%21%21PDF-E&lang=e&type=items
- 3GPP TS 33.501: <https://www.3gpp.org/dynareport/33501.htm>
- 3GPP TS 33.117: https://www.etsi.org/deliver/etsi_ts/133100_133199/133117/18.03.00_60/ts_133117v180300p.pdf
- GSMA NESAS: <https://www.gsma.com/solutions-and-impact/industry-services/assurance-services/network-equipment-security-assurance-scheme-nesas/>
- GSMA 5G Security Guide (FS.40): <https://www.gsma.com/solutions-and-impact/technologies/security/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/FS.40-v3.0-002-19-July.pdf>

Section 9: Execution of the Auction

9.1 The Auction

The Auction shall be conducted in the format of Clock Auctions(CA) as per the provisions in Clause 18.4 read with the provisions in Clause 18.4.7.2 of the **Auction Regulations** and Clock Round Price Increments are as follows.

- a) Second clock round price increment shall be 15% of the reserve price.
- b) And thereafter 5% of the reserve price from round to round.

The first stage of the auction is clock stage.

Winning Bidders of the spectrum lot in each clock round in the auction shall be determined in each Clock round of the Stage. Since the maximum number of spectrum lots a Bidder can bid in the auction is restricted on the basis of the applicable bidding caps, it is not possible for a Bidder to win more than the spectrum lots specified in the NoA.

The second stage is the Frequency Identification Stage. At the Frequency Identification Stage, specific frequencies will be identified for the Winning Bidders.

Sample documents of the auction shall be provided to Bidders prior to conducting a mock auction.

9.1.1 Clock Stage

The Clock Stage is the first stage of the execution of the auction as elaborated in [Section 9.9](#). It will identify the Bidders and the number of spectrum lot(s) to be awarded for each Bidder. In this stage, Bidders will bid for spectrum lots as per the band wise lot size as mentioned in the Table 9.6.1

The Clock Stage will have several rounds. These rounds will stop once:

- (i) The Activity Requirement is 100% (Details as mentioned in [Section 9.9.2](#) hereunder); and
- (ii) There is no bid submitted by any of the Bidders in a clock round.

To proceed the auction at any stage provisions in the **Auction Regulations** shall be used to resolve any procedural requirement.

The Clock Stage will establish a common winning price and Winning Bidders for spectrum lot in the 3500 MHz band and 27GHz bands separately. Winning Bidders will

pay the sum of the relevant Final Winning Prices for both spectrum lots in both bands which they are successful.

9.2 The Mock Auction

For the benefit of Bidders, a Mock Auction shall be conducted to familiarize the Bidders with the **Auction Regulations** and bidding methodology to be applied and followed during the Auction. The dates of the Mock Auction are provided in the Auction Timetable in [Section 1.2](#). The Auctioneer reserves the right to change these dates. Any change in the dates of the Mock Auction shall be notified through electronic means, at least one day in advance of the start of the Mock Auction.

All applicants are required to submit a written declaration confirming their understanding that the Mock Auction is conducted solely for the purpose of familiarizing participants with the **Auction Regulations** and bidding methodology.

The Commission shall not be held responsible for any misinterpretations, assumptions, or outcomes derived from the Mock Auction proceedings. Applicants must acknowledge that the Mock Auction bears no legal or procedural correlation to the actual auction, and that no rights, advantages, or claims shall arise based on the results or conduct of the Mock Auction. The outcome of the Mock Auction shall not influence or determine the results of the actual auction.

Furthermore, applicants shall expressly declare that they will not treat the Mock Auction as a substitute for or evidence of a prior auction conducted by the Commission. Submission of this declaration as specified in [Annexure L](#) is a mandatory requirement for participation in the Mock Auction.

9.3 General Conditions

9.3.1 Confidentiality

Confidential Information means any non-public information which, if known to other Bidders, would be likely to affect the price that the other Bidders would be prepared to bid in the auction or the bidding strategy that other Bidders would adopt. Such confidential information shall include but not necessarily be limited to the Bidder's business case, auction strategy, disclose the status of their participation and the highest price it is willing to bid for spectrum lot. Any Bidder discloses confidential information to any other Bidder or party amounts to breach of confidentiality. In the event of such breach the Auctioneer has the right to disqualify that Bidder from participating in the Auction.

9.3.2 Advisers and Consultants

No third-party advisers or consultants, whether individual or corporate, can act for, or on behalf of, or advice more than one Bidder that is participating in the Auction.

9.4 Responsibility of the Bidder

It would be the responsibility of the respective Bidders to take reasonable steps to ensure that they have a reliable means of accessing the Auction. Each Registered Bidder can participate in the auction for bidding. The Primary Authorized Person or Alternat Authorized Person representing a Bidder can directly submit bids.

The Registered Bidders need to submit the details of the two authorized persons to the Commission in advance and before the Mock Auction.

9.5 Observers

Two additional representatives from each Registered Bidder and two representatives from disqualified applicants are allowed to participate as observers in the Auction.

Authorized officers of the Commission are allowed to participate as observers.

Such observers will be limited to 20 people considering limitations in the venue and other logistic facilities.

Qualified and disqualified Bidders are required to submit the details of the observers who wish to participate in the Auction seven (07) days in advance of the Auction date.

All observers are required to comply with the logistic formalities at the venue.

9.6 Spectrum Lot sizes

Radio Frequency Spectrum lot sizes available for offer are as follows,

Band	Lot Size MHz	Offered quantity	Wining Quantity
3500 MHz	100 MHz (unpaired)	Two Lots	Only one lot
27 GHz	200 MHz (unpaired)	Two Lots	Only one lot

Table 9.6.1: Spectrum Lot Size

Notes: Bidding is subject to caps for spectrum holding as per [Annexure B](#).

9.7 Award of Spectrum in Auction

The award of spectrum is a two-stage process, a clock stage followed by a frequency identification stage, as detailed in 9.1 above. Winning Bidders will pay the sum of the Final Winning Prices for the bands (Spectrum Lots) in which they are successful. All Winning Bidders will have the same winning prices in line with the **Auction Regulations**.

9.8 Spectrum Holding Capping Rule

For the purpose of this Auction the bidding by the Bidders in each of the bands will be restricted by various applicable caps as mentioned in [Section 11.2-Annexure B](#).

9.9 The Clock Stage

9.9.1 Overview

- a) In the Clock Stage, bidding proceeds in rounds (Clock Rounds).
- b) In each Clock Round, Bidders will be announced the Clock Round Price per lot, where radio frequency spectrum is offered for the auction. Therefore, in each Clock Round, a Bidder's decision will consist of Yes / No choice for the lot whether to make a bid at a price equal to the current Clock Round Price.
- c) By bidding, if that bid becomes a Provisional Winning Bid, the Bidder commits to buy the lot at the winning price of the Clock Round at which the bid was submitted, unless revised in the subsequent rounds with a higher Clock Round price.
- d) A Clock Round will be closed at a finishing time specified by the Auctioneer, by which time all Bidders must have placed their bids. The finishing time is subject to provisions for rounds to be extended and re-scheduled, discussed in [Section 9.9.6](#).
- e) In the first Clock Round, the price per spectrum lot in each of the bands will be set equal to the Reserve Price. For subsequent rounds, the Clock Round Prices in each of the bands will be set depending on excess demand in the previous completed Clock Round. The excess demand will be determined by the total number of spectrum lots for which the prices have been quoted, vis-a-vis the total number of spectrum lots available in each of the bands for a particular Clock Round Price.

The following rules would be applicable:

- (i) If excess demand is zero, the Clock Round Price in the band will be equal to the Clock Round Price in the last completed Clock Round;
- (ii) If excess demand is positive, the Clock Round Price in the band will be equal to the Clock Round Price in the last completed Clock Round plus a strictly positive price increment.

f) If a new Clock Round is required, further bids will be invited at the new Clock Round Price. The Clock Rounds will continue until demand can be satisfied. The final Clock Round will be the round in which:

- (i) There is no bidding activity in any of the bands; and
- (ii) Receive only one bid for the spectrum lot under auction.

g) All Provisional Winning Bids at the end of the final Clock Round will become Winning Bids. The Provisional Winning Prices of the final Clock Round will become the Winning Prices. The Provisional Winning Bidders in the last Clock Round will become the Winning Bidders who will then be awarded the spectrum lot (as available) from each of the bands at the Final Winning Price.

9.9.2 Activity Rules

If the aggregate demand is less than the available supply, this is the end of the Clock Stage, and the spectrum lot quantities shall be assigned to the Bidders according to their expressed demand.

If the aggregate demand exceeds or equals the available supply, another round with a higher Clock Price shall follow.

If the aggregate demand exceeds or equals the available supply at the reserve price, the Clock Price shall be increased for the second round. The Clock Price increment for the second round shall be 15% and thereafter increments from round to round shall be 5%. The second round is opened after a time period announced by the Auctioneer during which the Bidders have time to plan their strategy for the next round.

In the second round, Bidders shall be again invited to state their demand within a designated time period.

The duration of the rounds and the pauses between them may be varied, depending on the experience of the Bidders and the complexity of the decisions they need to make after each round.

Withdrawals or changes of bids shall not be permitted once the bids have been submitted.

To assign spectrum lots that shall remain unsold at the end of the Clock Stage, a single-round sealed-bid auction with second price rule shall be used, with a reserve price that shall equal to the last Clock Price at which demand exceeds or equals the available supply.

9.9.3 Ranking of Bidders and Provisional Winning Bidders

For the purpose of determining the Provisional Winning Bidders for both bands ranking will be considered at the end of each Clock Round. The Provisional Winning Bidders would be ranked at the end of the Clock Stage using the following criteria:

In descending order according to the Clock Round Price in the respective band in the Clock Round when the bid was made.

9.9.4 Prices and Price Increments

In the first Clock Round, the Clock Round Price per spectrum lot in all bands will be the Reserve Price as determined by the Commission. At the end of a Clock Round, excess demand in each of the bands is defined to be:

- The spectrum lot for which Bids received in a particular band at a price equal to the Clock Round Price set in the last completed Clock Round for the spectrum lots offered for auction;

Clock Round Prices for the next Clock Round would be set according to the following rules:

- If excess demand is negative, there will be no next Clock Round, and this will be the end of Auction;
- If excess demand is Zero or positive, the Clock Round Price for spectrum lots in this particular band in the next Clock Round will be set equal to the Clock Round Price in the last completed Clock Round plus a strictly positive price increment.

9.9.5 Winning Bids and Winning Prices

The final Clock Round will be the first Clock Round in which:

- The Activity Requirement is 100%; and
- In all the bands, there is single bid or no bid submitted by any of the bidders i.e., bidding activity is nil.

The Winning Price in a band at the end of the final Clock Round will become the Final Winning Price of that particular band, and the respective final Bidder for a particular spectrum lot will become the Final Winning Bidder. The Winning Price per spectrum lot for all the Winning Bidder(s) will be the same. The Winning Price to be paid by a Winning Bidder will never be less than the highest bid of a Winning Bidder in a particular band.

Note: Winning prices are exclusive of applicable taxes and levies.

9.9.6 Length of Clock Rounds and Extension Periods

Clock Rounds will typically be scheduled to begin between the hours of 09.00 and 19.30 (Sri Lanka Standard Time) on Monday to Friday (inclusive of both days), except national holidays.

However, the Auctioneer reserves the right not to schedule Clock Rounds on one or more days, to extend or curtail the number of hours in the day during which rounds will be scheduled, or to run rounds on any day once the Auction commences at its absolute discretion in order to ensure the smooth running of the Auction.

Prior to the start of any Clock Round, the Auctioneer will notify Bidders of the starting and finishing time of the next Clock Round. At least 15 minutes notice will be given of the start of the next Clock Round. Also, Bidders will be notified in advance of the starting time and the date of the first Clock Round. At the initial stage, a Clock Round will be for a duration of fifteen (15) minutes each for the first five (5) rounds. Round duration of subsequent rounds will be of twenty (20) minutes each. It would be the responsibility of the respective Bidders to ensure that their bids are received by Auctioneer prior to the end of each Clock Round.

Bidders should be aware that each Clock Round takes a finite amount of time. Bidders submitting decisions close to the end of the Clock Round do so entirely at their own risk of failing to meet the Clock Round deadline.

During a Clock Round, a Bidder will make his bid consisting of the following:

- A “Yes” / “No” option where the Bidder is eligible to bid.
- Number of spectrum lots subject to the capping rule. In this Auction only one spectrum lot shall be offered for Winning Bidder.

Based on the selection in each band and the number of spectrum lots, the Auctioneer will check and display the following to the Provisional Winning Bidders to whether

- the Bank Guarantee is in line or not with the requirements set out in the NoA.
- the selection is in accordance with the requirements of the Activity Rules.

The Bidder is eligible for the next round. The Provisional Winning Bidder/s will be given an appropriate message of acceptance of their bids by the Auctioneers.

After the end of the Clock Round, the results would be announced for each of the band. If a further Clock Round is required, such Clock Round will be scheduled, and the start

and finish times will be announced to Bidders at least 15 minutes before the start of the next Clock Round.

9.10 Frequency Identification Stage

The Clock Stage will be followed by a Frequency Identification Stage to identify specific frequency lots for the Highest Winning Bidder. The identified frequency lots will be announced immediately after the outcome of the Clock Stage/s.

3500 MHz and 27 GHz Bands

The winners to be considered rank wise for assignment of radio frequency spectrum (first ranked Bidder to be assigned first) in the following manner:

- (a) The Auctioneer picks the Highest Winning Bidder from the list of Provisional Winners and looks for a contiguous frequency lot as per the Winning Bid. If the highest winner is assigned its winning spectrum lot and then moves to the next winner (rank wise).
- (b) The iteration runs (from (a) above) for other spectrum lots.

The loop terminates once all assignments have been made to all the winners.

• Contiguous Spectrum

Assignments will be done for Bidders who have won a 100 MHz spectrum in 3500 MHz band and 200 MHz in 27 GHz band. All such Bidder/s will be considered for contiguous spectrum of 100 MHz in 3500 MHz and 200 MHz in 27 GHz band in order of their ranking, subject to availability of sets of contiguous radio frequency spectrum.

9.11 Collusion and other Prohibited Activities

The Commission reserves the right to disqualify any Bidder that:

- Colludes or attempts to collude with another Bidder in determining its bids or releases confidential information with the intention of modifying the bidding behavior of other Registered Bidders.
- Prevents or attempts to prevent any other Bidder from participating in the Auction.
- Attempts to influence the decisions of the Auctioneer Obstructs or attempts to obstruct the auction.
- Provides false information in its application to participate in the auction.

In the event of such disqualification, a Bidder's Bank Guarantee will be forfeited providing false and misleading information. and the Commission may take legal action as well against such a Bidder.

9.12 Information Policy

Prior to the execution of the auction, the Commission will publish

- The list of applicants.
- The list of Registered Bidders;
- The value of Bank Guarantee provided by the Bidder.

Final list of Registered Bidders after considering withdrawals, if any during the Clock Round Stage, the following information will be provided to Bidders after each completed Clock Round:

- The Clock Round price per spectrum lot for each of the bands in the last completed Clock Round;
- The total number of spectrum lots for which bids have been received for each of the bands in the last completed Clock Round;
- The Aggregate Demand for each of the bands at the Clock Round Price in the last completed Clock Round.
- The excess Demand in each of the bands at the Clock Round Price in the last completed Clock Round

The following information will also be provided to each Bidder after each Clock Round other than the final Clock Round.

- The Provisional Winning Price in each of the bands at the end of the last completed Clock Round;
- The Provisional Winning Lots (if any) held by the respective Bidder in each of the bands at the end of the last completed Clock Round;
- The rank of the Provisional Winning Bidder in each of the bands at the end of last completed Clock Round;

Thereafter, the following information will be provided to each Bidder after each Clock Round other than the final Clock Round.

- The price increment to be applied in each of the bands; and

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- The Clock Round Price per spectrum lot in each of the bands that will apply for the next Clock Round.

At the end of the final Clock Round, the following information will be provided to all Bidders:

- That the last completed Clock Round is the final Clock Round;
- The Winning Prices; and
- The identities of the Winning Bidders.

Information relating to the specific bids made by Bidders (whether successful or not) will not be provided at the end of each Clock Round (other than the information provided about the Winning Bids after the final Clock Round) but will be made public in their entirety subsequently after the Frequency Identification Stage.

Section 10: Definitions and Glossary of Terms

27 GHz	Radio spectrum frequencies in the 27 Gigahertz band (27.0-27.4 GHz) (TDD)
3500 MHz	Radio spectrum frequencies in the 3500 Megahertz band (3400 -3600 MHz) (TDD)
Acceptance Confirmation Certificate	Certification to confirm the awareness of the list of Registered Bidders
Act	Sri Lanka Telecommunication Act No. 25 of 1991 as amended by (Amendment) Act No. 27 1996 and (Amendment) Act No. 39 of 2024
Aggregate Demand	The total number of Bids for the spectrum lots at a value equal to the Clock Round Price in the last completed Clock Round.
Applicant	Person making an Application under the NoA
Application	Application for participating in Auction
Application Form	Format for submitting the Application as per Table 4.1.2.1
AS	Access Services
Auction	Auction of Radio Frequency Spectrum lots in 27 GHz, 3500 MHz bands as in Table 1.1 conducted in the format of Clock Auctions (CA)
Auctioneer	Auction Committee appointed by the Commission
Auction Regulations	Radio Frequency Spectrum Auction Regulations No. 02 of 2024
Authorized Person	The person nominated by the applicant having a Board Resolution and Special Power of Attorney from the Applicant empowering him/ her to take all decisions connected with the Auction on behalf of the Applicant
Bank Guarantee	A guarantee from a licensed commercial bank, operating in Sri Lanka in the prescribed format
Bid	Bidder's statement in each Clock Round of the Clock Stage (in the form of a "Yes / No" choice and for the number of spectrum lots) offering to acquire radio frequency spectrum usage rights for a spectrum lot at the current Clock Round Price, in accordance with the terms and conditions
Bidder	Is the party who submits an application to participate in the Auction.

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Bidder Participation Notice	Notice issued to Registered Bidders
Clock Round	Individual rounds of the Clock Stage as described in the Auction Regulations
Clock Stage	The first stage of the execution of the Auction
Common Winning Price	The common lot price established at the end of the Clock Stage for both bands (3500 MHz and 27 GHz) together
Confidential Information	Any information which, if known to other Bidders, would be likely to affect the price that the other Bidders would be prepared to bid in any of the Auctions. Such information would include (but not necessarily be limited to) the Bidder's business case, auction strategy and the highest price it is willing to bid for radio frequency spectrum
Effective Date	The date of frequency assignment specified in the Frequency Assignment Letter issued to the Winning Bidder/s
Excess Demand	The total number of spectrum lots for which bids have been received in a particular band at a Clock Round Price equal to the Clock Round Price set in the last completed Clock Round minus the number of Lots available in that particular band
Frequency Identification Stage	The second stage of the execution of the Auction
Final Acceptance Test Certificate	The confirmation, issued after successful testing, that a 5G site is on-air and meets all technical and licence conditions. The Final Acceptance Test date is treated as the site completion date for compliance purposes
Final Winning Price	The Highest Bid Price in the final Clock Round at which the Final Winning Spectrum Lot is determined
Initial Eligibility	Criterion to be eligible for participation in the Auction for which minimum baseline will be successful submission of application and Bank Guarantee
Losing Bidder(s)	The Bidder(s) who at the end of the Auction is not chosen as a Winning Bidder(s)
Mock Auction	A trial Auction to familiarize the Bidders with the Auction and bidding methodology

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NoA	Notice of Assignment
Provisional Winning Bidders	Bidders who hold the Provisional Winning Spectrum Lots after a certain Clock Round
Provisional Winning Lot	The number of lots held by the Provisional Winning Bidder after a certain Clock Round
Provisional Winning Price	The lowest bid price in a Clock Round at which the Provisional Winning Spectrum Lots are determined
Regulations	Regulations made under the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act No. 25 of 1991, as amended by the Sri Lanka Telecommunications (Amendment) Act No. 27 of 1996 and the Sri Lanka Telecommunications (Amendment) Act No. 39 of 2024
Reserve Price	The minimum Bid Price per spectrum lot, determined by the Commission
The Commission	Shall mean the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka established under the Act.
The official website	The official website means the web site of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka, at " www.trc.gov.lk "
Winning Bidder(s)	The Bidder(s) who is/are confirmed as the Winning Bidder(s) at the end of the Auction

Section 11. Annexures

11.1 Annexure A: Details of Radio Frequency Spectrum offered for the auction

3500 MHz Band Lot Size: 100 MHz unpaired				
Quantum to be offered (MHz) (Unpaired)	No of Lots	Reserve Price per MHz (Rs)	Reserve Price per Lot (Rs)	Value of the Bank Guarantee per Lot (Rs)
200	2	45,000,000.00	4,500,000,000.00	450,000,000.00

Table A1

27 GHz Band Lot Size: 200 MHz unpaired				
Quantum to be offered (MHz) (Unpaired)	No of Lots	Reserve Price per MHz (Rs)	Reserve Price per Lot (Rs)	Value of the Bank Guarantee per Lot (Rs)
400	2	1,350,000.00	270,000,000.00	27,000,000.00

Table A2

11.2 Annexure B: Details of Spectrum holding caps

In 3500 MHz (in MHz)	In 27 GHz (in MHz)
100	200

Table B1

11.3 Annexure C: Details of Price Increment Rule

3500 MHz Band	
Excess Demand (In Lots)	Price Increment as a Percentage of previous Clock Round Price
Less than ZERO (Negative)	0%
From ZERO up to 2 lots	15% at 2 nd Clock Round & thereafter 5%

Table C1

27 GHz Band	
Excess Demand (In Lots)	Price Increment as a Percentage of previous Clock Round Price
Less than ZERO (Negative)	0%
From ZERO up to 2 lots	15% at 2 nd Clock Round & thereafter 5%

Table C2

11.4 Annexure D: Schedule of Payment

1. Schedule for Payment of the amount upfront – Option 1.

One Time Payment	
Full Amount	Winning Bid Price with a discount. Discount will be either 10% of Winning Bid Price or the difference between the auction winning bid price and the base price, whichever is lesser.
Due Date of payment	Within 10 days from demand notice date.
Effective Date of Spectrum Assignment	Date of frequency reservation permit.

TABLE D1

2. Schedule for Payment by Five Installments – Option 2.

Schedule of Payments		
Instalment	Due Date for Payment	Amount (Rs.)
1 st instalment	Within 10 days from demand notice date.	10% of the winning Bid Price
2 nd instalment	Before end date the first year	15% of the winning Bid Price
3 rd instalment	Before end date the second year	20% of the winning Bid Price
4 th instalment	Before end date the third year	25% of the winning Bid Price
5 th instalment	Before end date the fourth year	30% of the winning Bid Price

TABLE D2

11.5 Annexure E: Proposal Checklist

Sl.No	Particulars	Please Tick	Page number of Application Document
1	Completed Application Form Annexure F	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Completed Declaration as per Annexure K	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Completed Undertaking as per Annexure H	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Completed Declaration as per Annexure L	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Certificate of Incorporation, Articles of Association, Form 15, Form 20 obtained from Registrar of Companies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Certificate from Company Secretary certifying details of Promoters/Partners/Shareholders/ Merger Entities in the Company and breakdown of the equity of the Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Audited Account for latest 3 years certified as true copies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Certificate from Company Auditors certifying the net worth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8	Bank Guarantee from a licensed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka as per Annexure G	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9	Special Power of Attorney and Board Resolution for signing the Application.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10	Non-refundable entry fee of Rs. 100,000/- payable to TRCSL.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

11.6 Annexure F: Application Form

APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATING IN 3500 MHz and 27 GHz BANDS AUCTION

General instructions:

- (a) All the pages of the form/ supporting documents must be separately signed along with the company seal by the Authorized Signatory or Company Secretary, as appropriate.
- (b) In case the Bidder has t no information to furnish against any of the items below, either 'Nil', No' or 'Not applicable', as the case may be, should be mentioned. If in the information furnished, against any item, a dash is marked or is left blank, it shall be treated as incomplete, and the Application will be rejected.
- (c) All undertakings are to be provided on the letterhead of the relevant Company.

1. Name of Applicant :
(Note: Attach Certificate of Incorporation, Articles of Association, Form 15, Form 20 obtained from Registrar of Companies.)

2. Complete postal address with Telephone/ Fax numbers/ e- mail address

i) Corporate Office :.....

ii) Registered Office :.....

3. Details of authorized person for correspondence with Telephone/Fax numbers/email address of the authorized person. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that all these means of communications are working and being monitored regularly from the date of Application to the conclusion of the Auctions:

a) Name:.....

b) Designation:.....

c) Postal Address :.....

d) Fixed telephone number :.....

e) Mobile telephone number :.....

f) E-mail address :.....

4. Name and Designation of Primary Authorized Person

Name:.....

Designation:.....*Attach board resolution nominating the primary authorized person and special Power of Attorney obtained from Registrar General empowering him/ her to take all decisions connected with the Auction, on the*

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Bidder's behalf including but not limited to, the authority to offer Bids to commit payment of the necessary amount if the Bidder is granted radio frequency spectrum.

Applicants can authorize one more person, who would act as the Alternate Authorized Person in case of non-availability of the primary Authorized person

Name and Designation of Alternate Authorized Person

Name:.....Designation:.....

Attach board resolution nominating the alternate authorized person and special Power of Attorney obtained from Registrar General empowering him/ her to take all decisions connected with the Auction, on the Bidder's behalf including but not limited to, the authority to offer Bids to commit payment of the necessary amount if the Bidder is granted radio frequency spectrum.

In case of any duplication of submissions made by the Applicant, the submission signed by the primary Authorized Person would be considered as final and binding

5.

(a) *Audited financial statements for the last three years.*

(b) *Net worth of the applicant Company may be provided as detailed below:*

I. Net worth (As on date/ as on the working day previous to the date of application)

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II. Net worth (As on last audited statement)

.....

6. Bank Guarantee:

3500 MHz Band

Name of the Bank:.....Branch.....

Amount:.....

27GHz Band

Name of the Bank:.....Branch.....

Amount:.....

: Attach Bank Guarantee/s in accordance with Annexure G

Certificates/ undertaking:

- A. We hereby certify that the NoA was carefully read and undertakes to fully comply with the terms and conditions of the NoA.

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- B. We hereby certify that as the Bidder we are legally capable of both bidding for and satisfying its obligations under the terms and conditions for award of the radio frequency spectrum, Frequency Reservation permit and the Radio Frequency License (as applicable), including but without limitation to any approvals, consents, permissions and board approvals from its holding company(ies) under any other laws or rules and regulations issued by any governmental or regulatory or supervisory body.
- C. We hereby certify that our company is not subject to any criminal or civil proceedings that could be expected to adversely affect its business or its ability to bid in the Auction.
- D. We hereby certify that we understand that this Application, if found incomplete in any respect and/ or if found with conditional compliance or not accompanied with the Bank Guarantee, shall be summarily rejected.
- E. We hereby certify that we understand that the entry fee is non-refundable irrespective of whether or not the radio frequency spectrum is granted to it.
- F. We hereby certify that we will intimate the Commission promptly in case of any change in the information submitted as part of the Application.
- G. We hereby certify that we will comply and ensure that all of our staff will comply with the terms and conditions of the NoA relating to confidentiality.
- H. We hereby certify that we understand all matters relating to the application or radio frequency spectrum if granted it shall be applicable for the entire country. We hereby certify that we understand if at any time, any averments made or information furnished as part of this application is found incorrect, then its application and the radio frequency spectrum if awarded on the basis of such application shall be cancelled.

We certify that the information provided in this Application (including the attachments) is true, accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge.

Date:
Signatory

Signature and name of the Authorized

Place: (Company's Seal)

Note:

- i. There should be a special Power of Attorney and Board Resolution in favor of each of the authorized signatories authorizing to sign the Application including the relevant undertakings.
- ii. Only a single application can be submitted by a merged entity with respect of all the eligible companies within a Group.
- iii. Please provide Certificate of net worth on the letter head of the Company.

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- iv. Directors or Authorized Signatories of the Applicant's Company are eligible to sign the application. There should be a Board Resolution and Special Power of Attorney for authorized signatories and a Board Resolution for Directors authorizing to sign the Application including the relevant undertakings.
- v. Applicants are required to inform the Commission promptly in case of any change in the information submitted by them as part of their application.

11.7 Annexure G: Format for Bank Guarantee

(in the form of a Bank Guarantee from a licensed commercial bank)

To be submitted with the application.

Bank ----- *[name: and address of issuing branch or office: insert by issuing Licenced Commercial Bank operating in Sri Lanka's]* -----

Bank Guarantee (Unconditional)

Beneficiary: Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka.No. 276, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 08.

Date:----- *[insert date]*

BANK GUARANTEE No.: ----- *[insert number]*

Amount (in Sri Lankan Rupees):..... *[insert in words and numbers]*

We have been informed that----- *[insert name of the Bidder, Registered Address, Company Registration Number;]* (hereinafter called "the Bidder") has submitted to you its bid dated ----- *[insert date]* (hereinafter called "the Bid") for the Auction for Radio frequency spectrum in the 3500MHz / 27GHz Bands for*[insert name of Bidder]* under Notice of Assignment No. -----

Furthermore, we understand that, according to your conditions, Bids must be supported by a Bank Guarantee.

At the request of the Bidder, we----- *[insert name of Licenced Commercial Bank operating in Sri Lanka, Branch, Company Registration Number, Registered Address]* hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you above amount upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing without giving any reason/s.

Consequently, any demand for payment under this Guarantee must be received by us at the office on or before date.

Notwithstanding anything contained above, our liability, under the Guarantee shall be restricted to **<Amount in figures>** and our Guarantee shall remain in force from..... until(both days inclusive) unless a demand or claim under this Guarantee is made on us in writing within this period without giving any reason/s.

This guarantee is not transferable or assignable.

This guarantee shall be governed by the laws of Sri Lanka.

Dated day <month>, 2025

<Name of Bank>

Signature Witness:

11.8 Annexure H: Format of Undertaking to obtain Radio Frequency License

UNDERTAKING TO OBTAIN RADIO FREQUENCY LICENSE WITH AUTHORIZATION OF IMT2020 (5G) SERVICES

We, _____ (Name of the Applicant)
and _____ (Name of the Authorized Signatory), the undersigned, as Director and Authorized Signatory respectively of _____
_____ (“Address of the Applicant”) hereby confirm, undertake, acknowledge and certify the following:

- a) We wish to submit an application for participating in the auction for radio frequency spectrum in 3500 MHz and 27 GHz Bands in compliance with the NoA including the rollout obligations specified in Section 8.
- b) We would abide by the ownership restrictions as prescribed in the respective licenses.
- c) That in case the applicant is declared a Winning Bidder, it shall apply for a Radio Frequency License with authorization for access service / authorization for use of spectrum band;
- d) That the Nominated Applicant will satisfy all the conditions required to obtain a Radio Frequency License with authorization of access service / authorization of access service as per the conditions in the system license
- e) That in case the application for grant of Radio Frequency License with authorization of access service of the Nominated License Applicant is rejected, the Commission shall have the right to revoke the radio frequency spectrum;
- f) That in case an application for a Radio Frequency License with authorization of access service by the Nominated License Applicant has not been made within seven (7) days of the applicant being declared a Winning Bidder/s , the Commission shall have the right to curtail / revoke the radio frequency spectrum;
- g) The Nominated License applicant shall be responsible for the performance of the bid obligations and the applicant shall obtain an undertaking to this effect (“Adherence Undertaking”) from the Nominated License Applicant before the Nominated License Applicant submits the Radio Frequency License/ authorization of access service application along with a certified copy of the Adherence Undertaking.

Signature and Name of the Authorized Signatory

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Date:

Place:

11.9 Annexure J: Format for Acceptance Confirmation Certificate

Chairman,

Auction Committee

I-----
<Director/Authorized Signatory> the undersigned, as Director /Authorized Signatory
of -----<Name of the Applicant>
("Applicant") hereby confirm, undertake, acknowledge and certify that we have carefully
gone through the list of Registered Bidders for the radio frequency Spectrum Auction in
3500 MHz and 27 GHz Bands in the Notice of Assignment communicated to us by the
letter dated.....and we are aware of the list of Registered
Bidders.

Signed:

Authorized Signatory
(Name & Position)

Company Seal & Date

11.10 Annexure K: Format of declaration by Bidders

Declaration of Radio Frequency Spectrum Holding

<i>Bidder's Name:</i>					
Details of Frequency Licenses under Section 22 of the Act.					
Sr. No.	Band	Bandwidth /MHz	License No. & Date	Effective Period of The License	Type of License
1	850 MHz				
2	900 MHz				
3	1800 MHz				
4	2100 MHz				
5	2300 MHz				
6	2600 MHz				

We hereby certify that the above information has been prepared as per the provisions contained in the NoA document and is correct to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature of Authorized Signatory)

Company Seal

Name:

Designation:

11.11 Annexure L: Declaration for Participation in the Mock Auction

Chairman

Auction Committee

Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

No. 276, Elvitigala Mawatha,

Colombo 08.

We, the undersigned, hereby declare and confirm the following with respect to our participation in the Mock Auction organized by TRCSL in connection with the assignment of spectrum in the 3500 MHz and 27 GHz bands:

1. We understand and acknowledge that the Mock Auction is conducted solely for the purpose of familiarizing participants with the Auction Regulations, procedures, and bidding methodology, and is not a substitute for the actual auction.
2. We further acknowledge that the Mock Auction shall not be considered as evidence of a prior auction conducted by the Commission, and no rights, advantages, claims, or entitlements shall arise from our participation in the Mock Auction.
3. We accept that the Commission shall not be held responsible for any misinterpretations, assumptions, or outcomes derived from the Mock Auction proceedings.
4. We confirm that the outcome of the Mock Auction shall have no legal, procedural, or commercial effect and shall not influence or determine the results of the actual auction.

This declaration is executed and submitted as a mandatory requirement for participation in the Mock Auction.

Signed on this day of 2025.

(Signature of Authorized Signatory)

Company Seal

Name:

Designation: