

**Commencement of New Term of
Assignment of Spectrum in the 900 MHz Band
for the Provision of Public Telecommunications Services**

NOTICE

The Office of the Communications Authority (“OFCA”) announces that spectrum handover among mobile network operators (“MNOs”) was successfully completed on 12 January 2021 to effect the re-assignment of a total of 50 MHz of spectrum in the 900 MHz band (i.e. 890 – 915 MHz band paired with 935 – 960 MHz band) (the “Spectrum”).

In December 2017, the Communications Authority decided to re-assign the Spectrum through auction after two rounds of public consultation on the arrangements for re-assignment of the Spectrum upon expiry of the assignment term on 11 January 2021. The auction was successfully completed in December 2018, resulting in part of the Spectrum changing hands upon commencement of the new term of assignment to the MNOs, namely China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited, Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited, Hutchison Telephone Company Limited and SmarTone Mobile Communications Limited. In May 2019, OFCA set up a technical working group engaging all the MNOs concerned to identify and complete the technical works necessary for the spectrum handover. Through the efforts of the technical working group, the handover has been smoothly implemented to ensure the continuous provision of public mobile services using the Spectrum.

The new assignment term of the Spectrum commenced on 12 January 2021 for a 15-year period until 11 January 2036.

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