



Wind Mobile Canada – CRTC Decision Released

Cairo, October 30, 2009: WIND Mobile (previously Globalive Wireless) announced yesterday that the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) decided that WIND Mobile is currently not in compliance with the Canadian ownership and control rules, and is therefore not eligible to operate at this time. Industry Canada previously decided that WIND Mobile is in compliance with the Canadian ownership and control rules and granted WIND Mobile spectrum licences on March 16, 2009. The CRTC decision does not affect WIND Mobile's ownership of the spectrum licenses granted by Industry Canada.

OTH has a 65 per cent indirect equity ownership in WIND Mobile. WIND Mobile participated in Industry Canada's Advanced Wireless Services Spectrum (AWS) Auction that commenced in May 2008, purchasing spectrum for CDN\$442 Million in August 2008.

OTH is disappointed by the CRTC decision that comes 14 months after the end of the AWS spectrum auction and a few weeks ahead of WIND Mobile's intended launch date. It is all the more unexpected considering that WIND Mobile received approval from Industry Canada on the grounds that it complies with the Canadian ownership and control rules.

OTH will support WIND Mobile's management in its efforts to explore all avenues to obtain clearance to operate in Canada and launch operations at the earliest possible time.

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