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Dear Stakeholder

### **Configuration of the 450-470MHz - Letter of Introduction for Mott MacDonald**

Ofcom have engaged Mott MacDonald to assess the configuration of the 450-470MHz band, by conducting a cost benefit analysis to provide Ofcom with options on gaining the highest value use of the band. The options will be based in the context of spectrum currently used by the emergency services becoming vacant which presents an opportunity to review the future configuration of this band.

In order to carry out a robust cost benefit study, it is important to get your views on the impacts of changes in the use of the spectrum band. In 2004, Ofcom commissioned a study to measure the costs of reconfiguring the 450-470MHz spectrum band. We would like to get your views on these cost estimates and your assessment on whether these need to be revised. Regarding benefits, we are keen to understand the likely demand for the spectrum in its current state as well as its demand if it were to be reconfigured. It is also important to understand the potential technologies and services that could be enabled as a result of the use of spectrum either in its current state or reconfigured.

Ofcom welcomes your views on all aspects of mobile communication, and the other uses of radio spectrum that are required to enable you to fulfil your role. Mott MacDonald will be conducting a number of face to face interviews and telephone interviews, and distributing questionnaires. The structure of the interviews and questionnaires has been agreed with Ofcom, and we encourage you to provide your input to the study. The information provided by the study will be used by Ofcom to develop future spectrum policy for the UHF2 band. If you have any questions regarding this study please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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