

Successful conclusion of auction of radio spectrum in 600 MHz, 700 MHz, 850 MHz, 2.5/2.6 GHz and 4.9 GHz bands

The Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) announced today (October 27) that after a total of 32 rounds of bidding in three days, the auction of radio spectrum in the 600 MHz, 700 MHz, 850 MHz, 2.5/2.6 GHz and 4.9 GHz bands was successfully concluded. A total of 255 MHz of spectrum in 19 frequency blocks was auctioned off to four mobile network operators at total spectrum utilisation fees (SUFs) of \$1.8765 billion.

The results of the auction are listed in the table below:

Frequency block	Frequency range (MHz)	Provisional successful bidder	SUF payable (HK\$)
B1	703 – 708 paired with 758 – 763	Hutchison Telephone Company Limited	72,000,000
B2	708 – 713 paired with 763 – 768	Hutchison Telephone Company Limited	66,000,000
B3	713 – 718 paired with 768 – 773	SmarTone Mobile Communications Limited	72,000,000
B4	718 – 723 paired with 773 – 778	Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited	69,000,000
B5	723 – 728 paired with 778 – 783	Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited	72,000,000
B6	728 – 733 paired with 783 – 788	China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited	66,000,000
B7	733 – 738 paired with 788 – 793	China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited	66,000,000
C	825 – 832.5 paired with 870 – 877.5	SmarTone Mobile Communications Limited	82,500,000
D1	2500 – 2505 paired with 2620 – 2625	China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited	95,000,000
D2	2505 – 2510 paired with 2625 – 2630	China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited	99,500,000
D3	2510 – 2515 paired with 2630 – 2635	China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited	99,500,000
D4	2540 – 2545 paired with 2660 – 2665	Hutchison Telephone Company Limited	114,000,000
D5	2545 – 2550 paired with 2665 – 2670	Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited	99,500,000
D6	2550 – 2555 paired with 2670 – 2675	Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited	95,000,000

D7	2555 – 2560 paired with 2675 – 2680	Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited	90,500,000
D8	2560 – 2565 paired with 2680 – 2685	Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited	86,500,000
D9	2565 – 2570 paired with 2685 – 2690	Hong Kong Telecommunications (HKT) Limited	86,500,000
E1	4800 – 4840	China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited	222,500,000
E2	4920 – 4960	SmarTone Mobile Communications Limited	222,500,000

"The assignment of the frequency blocks will be valid for a period of 15 years. Each provisional successful bidder is required to pay the SUF or submit a letter of credit to guarantee payment of the SUF as specified in the table above, where applicable, by November 24, 2021. The provisional successful bidders of frequency blocks C and E1 to E2 are also required to submit performance bonds to guarantee compliance with the respective network and service rollout requirements by the same day, while the provisional successful bidders of frequency blocks B1 to B7 and D1 to D9 are required to submit performance bonds before the actual frequency assignments take effect," the spokesman for OFCA said.