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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## RESULTS OF THE AUCTION OF RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM IN IMT BAND (3600-3800 MHz)

Pursuant to the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority Act, Chapter 172 and the Electronic and Postal Communications Act, (EPOCA) Chapter 306 of the laws of Tanzania, the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) is vested with powers to allocate, assign, issue, distribute, retrieve, suspend, cancel or otherwise modify distribution among users or licensees of any radio communication frequencies or frequency channels.

In exercising its powers, on 18th December 2024, TCRA issued a public notice on its intention to award the radio frequency spectrum in International Mobile Telecommunication (IMT) 3600 - 3800 MHz Band through auction. The auction process among others, involved Technical and Market Assessment, and succeeded by stakeholders consultation which was concluded on 21st May 2025. This process was followed by the publication of the Information Memorandum (IM) on 2nd June 2025. On 10th July 2025, TCRA conducted and concluded spectrum auction for assignment of the radio frequency spectrum in IMT 3600 - 3800 MHz Band.

The concluded spectrum auction aligns with key policy objectives of the National Information Communications and Technology Policy 2016 (National ICT Policy) on the use of frequency spectrum as follows:-

- (a) Promotion of an efficient use of spectrum (where efficiency implies assigning spectrum to those that will generate the greatest socio-economic benefit from its use);
- (b) Promotion of competition, i.e., an outcome which supports or does not undermine effective competition;
- (c) Promotion of benefits for consumers, through the sustainable provision of widespread, high-quality services; and
- (d) Promotion of investment and innovation.

In furtherance to the National ICT Policy, the release of radio frequency spectrum 3600-3800 MHz Band for IMT services, which follows the decision made by the

International Telecommunication Union (ITU) during the WRC-23 will, among other things, bring the following benefits to the nation:-

- (a) Enhance implementation of the Tanzania Digital Economy Strategic Framework (2024-2034) through advancement of the country's mobile and fixed broadband infrastructure and capability which will serve as a catalyst for the Digital Economy that facilitates growth of all sectors;
- (b) Facilitation of social economic benefits as mobile and fixed broadband infrastructure is key for enabling efficient provision of services such as education, health, agriculture, commerce, and financial services through ICTs;
- (c) Enhancing quality of services and quality of experience through coverage and capacity improvement;
- (d) Extending the provision of mobile broadband services to a wider Tanzanian population; and
- (e) Promotion, enhancement and facilitation of innovation for new ICT services and deployment of 5G technology and beyond.

TCRA hereby announces the successful outcome of auction for the radio frequency spectrum in IMT 3600 - 3800 MHz Band conducted on 10th July 2025, whereby all available four (4) blocks were assigned. Three (3) bidders participated in the auction and all won the blocks as shown in the table below:

S/N	Licensee	No. of Block(s)	Total Amount (TZS)
1	Viettel Tanzania Plc (Halotel)	2	130,439,999,999.98
2	Honora Tanzania Plc (Yas)	1	55,500,000,000.00
3	Vodacom Tanzania Plc	1	49,768,986,876.89
Total auction amount (TZS)			235,708,986,876.87

The auction amount will be paid in five (5) instalments for a period of two (2) years from the date of the auction to 2027 in accordance with IM. This payment schedule aims to enable auction winners to invest in telecommunications network infrastructure and achieve the intended objectives of efficient utilisation of the auctioned 3600 – 3800 MHz Band

TCRA congratulates Viettel Tanzania Plc, Honora Tanzania Plc and Vodacom Tanzania Plc for their participation and acquisition of the spectrum blocks in 3600 – 3800 MHz Band.

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