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Director General
Telecommunications Policy Branch
Industry Canada
1612A, 300 Slater Street
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Subject: Notice no. DGTP-002-07 – Consultation on a Framework to Auction Spectrum in the 2GHz Range including Advanced Wireless Services (February 16, 2007)

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal, I would like to submit our comments on the proposed release of frequency bands in the 2 GHz range.

The Board of Trade believes that the priority of the auction process should be to promote healthy competition in the wireless communication sector, thereby creating a more stimulating business environment and improving the offer to both individual and business consumers.

It is naturally expected that, as specified by Industry Canada, the auction process will not result in a price increase for consumers but will rather spur competition in this market, promoting technological innovation and advancement and thus better service at lower rates.

These goals are all the more desirable in that they will help improve the service offer while encouraging companies in this sector to develop more innovative products and services – thereby sharpening their competitive edge.

In conclusion, we are confident that Industry Canada has carefully studied foreign examples of spectrum auctions and will be able to apply the lessons learned to carry out this exercise with the greatest possible transparency and fairness to all players in this market.

Thank you for your attention to these recommendations.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO