

## Information note to the Press (Press Release No. 55 of 2016)

For Immediate Release

### Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

**Information to CDMA subscribers of M/s Reliance Communication Limited regarding closure of its CDMA services w.e.f. 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 in Tamil Nadu (including Chennai), Karnataka, Kerala and Rajasthan licensed service areas and extension of validity of Unique Porting Codes generated vide TRAI direction dated 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 for fifteen service areas, so as to avail the facility of Mobile Number Portability.**

**New Delhi, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016** – M/s Reliance Communication Limited (M/s RCL), under clause 23.1 of Universal Access Service License (UASL) has intimated TRAI regarding upgrading of network from CDMA to LTE technology using liberalized 800 MHz Spectrum. DoT has approved the liberalization of the spectrum held in 800 MHz band in Tamil Nadu (including Chennai), Karnataka, Kerala and Rajasthan licensed service areas w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2016. M/s RCL has informed TRAI regarding closure of its CDMA services in these licensed service areas w.e.f. 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

2. In order to facilitate and ensure that the CDMA subscribers of M/s RCL continue to have uninterrupted mobile services after closing of its CDMA services in Tamil Nadu (including Chennai), Karnataka, Kerala and Rajasthan licensed service areas, M/s Reliance Communication Limited has been directed to generate Unique Porting Code (UPC) for all its existing CDMA subscribers of the aforesaid licensed service areas before closing of the services, so that they can port out their mobile numbers to any service provider of their choice till 23:59:59 hours of the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. The validity of UPCs generated prior to the date of this press release which are valid on this date, shall also remain valid till 23:59:59 hours of the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.



3. The TRAI issued direction No.123-2/2014-NSL-II dated the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 in reference to the earlier intimation of M/s RCL under clause 23.1 of Universal Access Service License (UASL) to TRAI regarding closure of its CDMA services and rollout of LTE services in 800 MHz band pursuant to approval of liberalisation of spectrum by DoT held in 800 MHz in Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, West Bengal w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 and Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Kolkata, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mumbai, UP (East) & UP (West) licensed service areas w.e.f. 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2016 .

4. M/s RCL vide its letter dated 23rd June, 2016 requested TRAI to extend the validity of UPCs which were to expire on 30th June, 2016, to facilitate their CDMA subscribers to upgrade to 4G or GSM service of M/s RCL, or to port out to any service provider / technology of their choice.

5. TRAI noted that there are still a significant number of CDMA subscribers of M/s RCL, who are yet to exercise their porting option. Therefore in the interest of subscribers, TRAI has decided to extend the validity period of the UPCs generated pursuant to the Direction of the Authority dated the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 till 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

6. Through this press release, TRAI informs all the CDMA subscribers of M/s RCL in Tamil Nadu (including Chennai), Karnataka, Kerala and Rajasthan licensed service areas that they can avail the facility of mobile number portability to port their mobile numbers to any service provider / technology of their choice, preferably before 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 and latest by 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. TRAI also informs all the CDMA subscribers of M/s RCL in Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Kolkata, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mumbai, UP (East) & UP (West) licensed service areas that they can avail the facility of mobile number portability to port out their mobile number(s) to any service provider / technology of their choice, latest by 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

  
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