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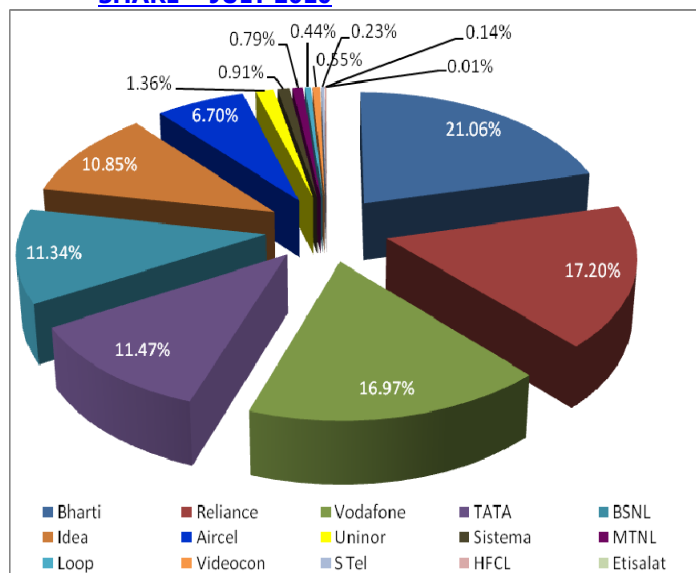


*Congratulations*

### I. [SUBSCRIBER FIGURES – AUGUST 2010](#)

- ❖ Total Telephone Subscriber Base reaches 706.37 Million
- ❖ Wireless Subscription reaches 670.60 Million
- ❖ 18.18 Million Wireless Subscriber added
- ❖ Broadband subscriber number reaches 10.8 million mark
- ❖ Tele-density reaches 59.63% mark

#### A. [WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDER'S MARKET SHARE - JULY 2010](#)



(source TRAI)

### II. [TRAI CIRCULAR / LETTERS / NOTICE](#)

- A. On 16th September 2010, TRAI vide letter no. 323-4/2010-CA circulated List of Consumer Advocacy Groups registered with TRAI.
- B. On 14th September 2010, TRAI vide letter no. 322/2/2009-CA Vol. III, has sent question wise reply for information and confirming interface /connectivity of TCGMS system with grievance redressal system of service providers.

### III. [TRAI OHD](#)

- A. TRAI Open House Discussion on Consultation Paper on "National Broadband Plan" was held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at Hotel Taj Decan, Hyderabad.

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### IV. TRAI MEETING

- A. A Meeting to discuss TCGMS Connectivity was held in TRAI on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010 under the Chairmanship of Secretary TRAI.
- B. A Meeting to discuss matters relating to Accounting Separation Reports was held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010 under the Chairmanship of Principal Advisor (FA&IFA) in TRAI.
- C. A meeting was taken by Chairman, TRAI with Industry Association on various issues affecting Telecom Services like Telecom Tower Related issues, Consumer Education Workshops, TCGMS Connectivity, Training of Call Centers Executives, Accounting Separation issues etc.

### V. DOT LETTERS

- A. On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010 DoT vide letter No.10-01/2010-ASIII/SMS&MMS/16 has extended the Banning of Bulk SMS MMS till 1st October 2010.

This letter was in continuation to DOT letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010 banning Bulk SMS MMS during Ayodhya Verdict.

- B. On 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 DOT Vide Letter No. 800-35/2010-VAS intimated the Association about Meeting of DoT Committee on Policy for Imposition of Financial Penalty for violation of Terms & Conditions of UAS/CMTS License Agreement scheduled on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

DOT requested the Association to make a presentation on each type of violation of UAS/CMTS Licensee from service providers before Members of the Committee.

- C. On 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 DOT Vide Letter No. 10-28/2009-AS.III/(24)/1044 intimated the Association about a meeting scheduled on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010 to discuss Implementation of Location Base Services – feasible granularity supported with comments of LBS technology providers & Data Card monitoring on the basis of appropriate key words such as e-mail, name etc.
- D. On 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010, DOT vide Letter no. 800-34/2010-VAS issued a Clarification about

MNP in respect of Chennai and Tamil Nadu License Service Areas.

- E. On 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010, TEC vide email requested the Association to submit inputs on the various issues related to laying standards on m-PIN based mobile banking POS. TEC has formed a committee on this and certain issues as follows were discussed during the committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 in TEC:-

- i. *Whether number of digits for m-PIN should be specified ?*
- ii. *What should be the delivery/bearer channel (e.g. SMS, USSD, smart\_phone application etc, sim-tool-kit etc.)*
- iii. *Whether encryption mechanism for m-PIN should be end-to-end or link-by-link ?*
- iv. *Whether authentication should be one-level or two-level ? what should be the authentication mechanism ?*
- v. *Whether m-PIN should be static or variable (per-transaction) ?*
- vi. *Whether issuing of m-PIN by the bank is within the purview of the committee ?*

- F. On 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010, DOT vide letter no. 1-34/2010 (Pt.) circulated the record notes of the industry meeting held with Secretary, DoT on August 23, 2010 on Subscriber Verification issues.

### VI. DOT MEETINGS

- A. DOT convened a meeting with Industry Associations on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in connection with issues related to Subscriber Verification at Sanchar Bhawan under the Chairmanship of DDG (AS). During the meeting, the following issues for J&K, NE & Assam Service Areas were discussed:

- i. *Subscriber Verification through franchisees – ACT is to prepare a set of rules for franchisees.*
- ii. *Storage of SMS for 6 months*

DOT requested the Associations to submit their proposal for these issues.

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- B. MNP Implementation review meeting under the Chairmanship of Member (T) was held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- C. MNP Implementation review meeting under the Chairmanship of Member (T) was held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- D. DOT Core Committee Meeting to discuss Strategic Plan for Department of Telecommunications for next Five Years on 'Licensing Matters' was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- E. First Meeting of the Committee Constituted for Laying Standards for the M-Pin Based Mobile Banking POS Service was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 in TEC.

### **VII. OTHER IMPORTANT CIRCULAR/PRESS RELEASE/LETTER**

- A. On 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010, Ministry of Environment & Forest (Wildlife), in response to AUSPI Letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010, requested us convey our views on the possible impacts of communication tower on Birds & Bees Population.

AUSPI vide its letter No. 185 dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010, requested the Ministry of Environment & Forest (Wildlife) to include one representative from AUSPI in the committee formed by the Ministry to study the the possible impacts of communication tower on Birds & Bees Population.

- B. On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010, A proposal has been received from the TCOE for setting up Telecom Standard Development Organization.
- C. On 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010, MCD shared detailed list of sealed towers and the reason due to which they remain sealed.
- D. On 16<sup>h</sup> September 2010, BSNL vide letter no. 6-53/2010-NM (Pt.) intimated the Association and TSPs regarding SRI\_SM Routing in BSNL network for implementation of MNP

### **VIII. AUSPI LETTERS**

- A. On 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter Secretary (T), DOT requesting that;
  - i. *C&AG should not audit private companies.*
  - ii. *C&AG proposal to amend licenses to audit licensees may not be acted upon till writ petitions pending before the High Court of Delhi are decided.*
- E. On 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT countering misleading representation from GSM Association on the issue of spectrum allocation and charges

AUSPI requested Hon'ble MOC&IT that Incumbent Operators should be asked to pay for holding excess spectrum beyond 6.2MHz. Also requested the Government to take note of continuous misleading representations by old GSM operators and their associations.

- F. On 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI Consultation Paper on 'Review of measures to protect the interest of consumers in telecom sector'.
- G. On 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Home Secretary regarding Template of Agreement between TSPs and Vendors. AUSPI requested that,
  - i. *The penalty amount under the amendment of 28th July 2010 and self certification process be limited to Rs. 50 Cr or the order value of the equipment violating the security conditions, whichever is lower.*
  - ii. *The detailed process for Escrow should be put into place. Vendors may be given a choice of internationally reputed organization for Escrow.*
  - iii. *Review the requirement of LBS with accuracy of 50 m.*

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iv. The changes made in the Template of the agreement should apply retrospectively and uniformly on those agreements which have been already signed.

H. On 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT regarding issues related to "No Dues certificate".

AUSPI requested that DOT should not insist on payment of outstanding amounts where courts have held that those payments are un-tenable for No Dues Certificate for issuing New Licenses to the existing service providers.

I. On 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Ministry of Environments & Forests requesting them to include a representative from AUSPI in the Committee formed to study the impacts of Base Transceiver Station on Birds & Bees.

J. On 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to TRAI regarding TRAI's requirement for seeking information from our member service providers regarding cost per line (basic) for wire line and wireless connections in the specified format.

AUSPI requested that separate cost estimates for wire line and wireless networks may not be insisted upon and service providers may be permitted to submit ASRs only.

### **IX. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTER**

A. On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010, a Joint Industry letter submitted to DDG (AS), DOT seeking their kind consideration on certain issues. with regard to the undertaking to be provided by the Operators / ILDO's to DoT and the A/T testing to be conducted thereafter.

B. On 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010, a joint industry submission was made to MCD on notices issued to operators for display of unauthorized advertisement in public view and the penalties imposed due to the same.

C. On 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010, a joint industry submission was made to DPCC in response to

the notices issued by them to all operators asking for compliance with regard to orders dated 5.12.2001 issued by Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Govt. of NCT of Delhi order that no DG of more than 5 KVA be operated in residential areas b/w 10pm to 6am.

D. On 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010, Joint Industry Report Progress on AT testing for implementation of Mobile Number Portability in India was submitted to DOT.

E. On 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010, a Joint Industry letter on the Acceptance Testing (A/T testing) for MNP was submitted to DoT/TEC.

F. On 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010, a Joint Industry letter on Issues relating to TRAI Consultation Paper on Collocation Charges was submitted to TRAI.

### **X. ACT LETTERS**

A. On 23<sup>rd</sup> September and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010, ACT submitted a letter to DOT requesting DOT to lift the ban on bulk SMS & MMS which was implemented during Ayodhya Verdict. Similar letter was also submitted to MHA.

B. On 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010, ACT submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT on problems faced by Telecom Service Providers in Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh.

### **XI. MEETINGS**

#### **A. AUSPI MEETING**

i. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of AUSPI was held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at AUSPI.

ii. 112<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at AUSPI.

#### **B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING**

I) Joint Industry Media Workshop cum Press Conference on the EMF related issues was held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Hotel Trident, Mumbai.

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- II) ACT meeting to discuss proposal to be submitted to DOT on Subscriber Verification was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010.
- III) Joint Industry Meeting to discuss Mumbai Workshop cum Press Conference on the EMF related issues was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010.
- IV) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010.
- V) Joint Industry Meeting was held with Karnataka DIG of Police on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010.
- VI) Joint Industry meeting to discuss Notices Issued by Delhi Pollution Control Committee & Notice Issued by MCD on display of Advertisement was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010.
- VII) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

### C. OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

- I) The First Executive Council Meeting of TCOE Coordination Centre was held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010.
- II) TDSAT Seminar on Dispute Resolution in Telecom and Broadcasting Sectors was held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Puducherry.
- III) Meeting of FICCI Subcommittee on Security Related Issues was held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at Federation House, FICCI at Federation House, FICCI .
- IV) Curtain Raiser Ceremony-India Telecom 2010 was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at Hotel The Oberoi.
- V) Meeting of FICCI Subcommittee on Security Related Issues was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 at Federation House, FICCI at Federation House, FICCI .

### XII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **29<sup>th</sup> October 2010:** Meeting of the Inter-ministerial Committee constituted for "Laying standards for m-Pin based Mobile Banking.
- II) **8<sup>th</sup> November 2010:** CII Business Forum on the occasion of US President Barak Obama's visit to India.
- III) **9-12<sup>th</sup> November 2010:** The Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR) and Global Industry Leaders Forum (GILF) organized by ITU in Senegal.
- IV) **12<sup>th</sup> November 2010:** 4th TCOE India Coordinators' meeting under the chairmanship of Member (T).
- V) **15<sup>th</sup> November 2010:** Special EC Meeting of TCOE CC.
- VI) **20<sup>th</sup> November 2010:** TDSAT Seminar on Dispute Resolution in Telecom & Broadcasting Sectors at Bengaluru.
- VII) **22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010:** NFAP Review Meeting.
- VIII) **26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010:** IITCOE workshop on "Mobile Broadband: Igniting the Service Revolution"
- IX) **9-11 December 2010:** India Telecom 2010.

### XIII. TELECOM BYTES

#### **NSN TRIALS TD-LTE IN INDIA**

*Nokia Siemens Networks (NSN) has claimed that it is the first company to successfully demonstrate service using TD-LTE technology in India using TD-LTE dongles.*

**Source: TeleGeography**

**✂ TTSL (BIHAR TEAM) WINS CII NATIONAL AWARD FOR INNOVATIVE ENERGY SAVING PRODUCT**

*TTSL reduces its Carbon footprint in Bihar Circle with Solar Powered front-lit hoarding project by substituting conventional electricity with Solar Energy – wins CII Award for “Innovating Energy Management”.*

**✂ ALMOST 200,000 SMSS SENT EVERY SECOND: ITU**

*The ITU study states that the popularity of text messaging has leapt three-fold in the past three years, with almost 200,000 text messages sent every second. A total of 1.8 trillion SMSs were sent in 2007, but in 2010, the number sent has jumped to 6.1 trillion*

**✂ MOBILE FRIENDLY WEBSITES SURGING - SURVEY**

*A study commissioned by dotMobi has found that the mobile Web is continuing its explosive global growth. An earlier 2008 study showed 150,000 mobile-ready websites, while the 2010 study showed approximately 3.01 million sites, representing an incredible two-year growth of more than 2,000 percent*

**✂ JUST FOR LAUGHS ☺**

*“You may think it’s bad English, dad — but key it into your mobile phone, you’d think it’s a cool SMS!”*



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