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**What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:**

Keep nothing confidential

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**Ofcom may publish a response summary:**

Yes

**I confirm that I have read the declaration:**

Yes

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Yes

**Additional comments:**

Samsung Electronics takes a keen interest in the national, regional and international discussions surrounding the future supply of radio spectrum for wireless mobile broadband services. Samsung Electronics is aware of the current analysis and international debate on the radio spectrum requirements for mobile broadband services for the years to come and in common with a number of stakeholders, broadly agrees with the conclusions highlighting the need for additional spectrum resources.

Samsung Electronics has noted the policy decisions taken within Europe and the various European Commission communications that relate to the development of the Radio Spectrum Policy Programme. These decisions and communications have specifically highlighted a need to identify further spectrum for the provision of wireless services, in order to support the EU Digital Agenda targets in the years ahead. In parallel with these activities, Samsung has noted the UK discussions framed initially through the Digital Britain Report that have resulted in an announcement that "at least 500MHz of public sector spectrum below 5GHz will be released over the next 10 years for new mobile communication uses, including mobile broadband."

During 2011, UK DCMS released a report "ENABLING UK GROWTH: RELEASING PUBLIC SPECTRUM" that identified a number of frequency ranges that might be released from the public sector over a number of years. Some of these frequency ranges are already identified for mobile services according to the international frequency allocations. In December 2011, UK DCMS issued an update reconfirming their commitment to release the 2300-2400MHz band and parts of the 3400-3600MHz band for commercial usage as priority actions.

Samsung Electronics supports these release plans. But to maintain the schedule behind the release of these priority bands it is important that they are supported by an appropriate set of European spectrum harmonisation measures. Currently these do not fully exist.

Therefore Samsung Electronics requests that Ofcom publishes specific objectives and actions in the Ofcom Annual Plan that support the government agenda to release the public spectrum identified above in the target 2013/2014 (2300-2400MHz) and 2015/2016 (3400-3600MHz) timeframes. Ofcom should use their industry and technical expertise to promote the development of the appropriate harmonisation measures associated with these bands. The release of these bands would contribute a major opportunity to satisfy elements of the UK policy agenda, the European agenda and the mobile broadband stakeholders and consumers.