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# Sub: Intimation under Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('Listing Regulations') - Press Release

Dear Sir/ Ma'am,

Pursuant to Listing Regulations, we are enclosing herewith a press release titled 'Airtel fortifies its strong spectrum portfolio' issued by Bharti Airtel Limited.

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Kindly take the above information on record.

Thanking you, Sincerely yours,

For Bharti Airtel Limited





# Airtel fortifies its strong spectrum portfolio Acquires 355.45 MHz spectrum for Rs. 18,699 Crores

- Secures Pan India Sub GHz spectrum; 90 million additional customers to be covered
- Unmatched spectrum footprint that will help deliver the best experience

**New Delhi, March 2, 2021:** Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's premier digital communication solutions provider, today said that it has acquired 355.45 MHz spectrum across Sub GHz, mid band and 2300 MHz bands for a total consideration of Rs 18,699 crores in the latest spectrum auction conducted by the Department of Telecom, Government of India. This gives Airtel the most formidable spectrum holdings in the country.

Airtel has now secured pan India foot print of Sub GHz spectrum that will help improve its deep indoor and in building coverage in every urban town. In addition, this precious spectrum will also help improve its coverage in villages by offering the superior Airtel experience to an additional 90 million customers in India. Through this auction, Airtel has also decisively strengthened its mid band and capacity spectrum holdings that will help it provide an exceptional customer experience at marginal capex. All of the spectrum will enable Airtel to deliver 5G services in future.

Airtel thanked the Department of Telecom for conducting a very efficient auction and putting out a large quantum of spectrum across multiple bands in the latest auction. Gopal Vittal, MD & CEO (India & South Asia), Bharti Airtel said, "At the outset, we would like to thank the Government for making abundant spectrum available for auctions. Airtel now has a solid spectrum portfolio that will enable it to continue delivering the best mobile broadband experience in India. We are most excited at bringing the power of Airtel services to an additional 90 million customers in India through the power of our Pan India Sub GHz footprint."

The Company added that despite the large amount of spectrum made available, the 700 MHz band bands did not get any bid from the operators as it made no economic case for them based on the high reserve prices. The 700 MHz band coupled with the 3.5 GHz band has the potential to accelerate India's progress to the top league of digitally enabled nations. Therefore, the reserve pricing of these bands must be addressed on priority in future. This will help the nation to benefit from the digital dividend that will inevitably arise out of this.

#### About Bharti Airtel

Headquartered in India, Airtel is a global telecommunications company with operations in 18 countries across South Asia and Africa. The company ranks amongst the top three mobile operators globally and its mobile network covers a population of over two billion people. Airtel is India's largest integrated telecom provider and the second largest mobile operator in Africa. At the end of December 2020, Airtel had approx, 458 million customers across its operations. Airtel's portfolio includes high speed 4G/4.5G mobile broadband, Airtel Xstream Fiber that promises speeds up to 1Gbps, converged digital TV solutions through the Airtel Xstream 4K Hybrid Box, digital payments through Airtel Payments Bank as well as an integrated suite of services across connectivity, collaboration, cloud and security that serves over one million businesses. Airtel's OTT services include Airtel Thanks app for self-care, Airtel Xstream app for video, Wynk Music for entertainment and Airtel BlueJeans for video conferencing. In addition, Airtel has forged strategic partnerships with hundreds of companies across the world to enable the Airtel platform to deliver an array of consumer and enterprise services.





### ANNEXURE - Airtel Spectrum Acquisition in the latest auction

Circles	Band	MHz	Rs. Cr.
Sub GHz Spectrum	000		
Bihar	900	3.4	683
Gujarat	900	4.2	1,567
Haryana	800	3.8	214
Himachal Pradesh	900	2.6	96
Kerala	900	4.6	915
MPCG	800	5.0	715
Maharashtra	800	2.5	1,275
North East	900	1.2	28
Odisha Tamil Nadu including Channei	900	3.8	327
Tamil Nadu including Chennai	900	5.0	1,175
UP – East UP – West	900	5.0	1,310
	800	5.0	805
West Bengal	900	2.8	347
Sub Total		48.85	9,457
Mid band spectrum			
Assam	2100	5.0	150
Bihar	1800	2.80	246
Himachal Pradesh	1800	4.8	86
J &K	1800	10.0	170
Karnataka	1800	11.2	1,221
Kerala	1800	5.0	475
Kolkata	1800	1.0	173
MPCG	1800	4.2	399
North East	2100	5.0	30
Odisha	1800	2.6	70
Punjab	1800	5.0	440
Tamil Nadu including Chennai	1800	15.0	1,500
UP – East	1800	3.2	490
UP – West	1800	3.0	345
West Bengal	1800	3.8	201
West Bengal	2100	5.0	175
Sub Total		86.6	6,172
Capacity Spectrum			
Assam	2300	10.0	20
Bihar	2300	10.0	70
Gujarat	2300	10.0	700
Haryana	2300	20.0	160
Himachal Pradesh	2300	10.0	10
Jammu & Kashmir	2300	20.0	20
Kerala	2300	10.0	200
MPCG	2300	10.0	90
Maharashtra	2300	10.0	720
North East	2300	10.0	10
Odisha	2300	10.0	50
Punjab	2300	20.0	420
Rajasthan	2300	20.0	120
UP – East	2300	20.0	180
UP - West	2300	20.0	240
West Bengal Sub Total	2300	10.0 220	60 <b>3,070</b>
Subiotal		220	
GRAND TOTAL		355.45	18,699

