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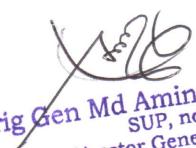

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSIGNMENT OF SPECTRUM FROM 700 MHZ BAND TO CELLULAR MOBILE PHONE SERVICE OPERATORS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.01 In Bangladesh, mobile voice and data usage are rising rapidly, resulting in significant growth in traffic across cellular networks. The spectrum currently assigned to mobile operators is no longer adequate to handle this increasing demand. Therefore, the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) is planning to allocate additional spectrum from the 700 MHz band to the Cellular Mobile Phone Service Operators through a competitive auction process to support the delivery of 2G, 3G, 4G/LTE, 5G, and future-generation mobile services.
- 1.02 The Government has authorized the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (the Commission) to issue the approved instructions. Accordingly, under Section 55 of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulation Act, 2001, the Commission is empowered to assign spectrum for the operation and provision of telecommunication services.
- 1.03 In keeping with the principles of transparency, fairness, non-discrimination, and all other relevant regulatory standards, the Commission has decided to issue these instructions for applicants intending to participate in the auction to acquire spectrum for providing *Cellular Mobile Phone Services* in Bangladesh.
- 1.04 Section 55 of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulation Act, 2001 explicitly stipulates that the establishment, operation, or use of any radio apparatus for radio-communication services in Bangladesh without a license constitutes an offence punishable by imprisonment, a fine, or both. The Act further vests the Commission with the authority to determine all matters relating to spectrum assignment, issuance of Radio Communications Apparatus Licenses, and associated regulatory decisions.
- 1.05 These instructions may be withdrawn, revised, updated, or amended from time to time pursuant to Section 34 of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulation Act, 2001, taking into account various considerations including, but not limited to, threats to public health, national security requirements, and statutory or court directives.

2. OBJECTIVES AND INTERPRETATION

These instructions are intended to provide an overview for assignment of spectrum from 700 MHz band to the Cellular Mobile Phone Service Operators.

3. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The legal statutes governing the telecommunication industry in Bangladesh which will be applicable to all applicants and Cellular Mobile Phone Services Licensee are given below:

- (a) The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulation Act, 2001 (as amended).
- (b) The Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 and The Telegraph Act, 1885, for matters which are not covered by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulation Act, 2001 (as amended).
- (c) Any Act or Ordinance or Rules or Regulation(s) made by the Government/Commission.
- (d) The Guidelines/Directives/Orders/Instructions and Decisions issued under the Act.

4. TITLE

These instructions are to be termed as “Instructions for Radio Frequency Auction – 2026”.

5. ELIGIBILITY

Existing Cellular Mobile Phone Service Operators are eligible to participate in the auction for the assignment of spectrum.

6. SPECTRUM BLOCKS TO BE ASSIGNED

The Commission will award 25 MHz of spectrum in the 700 MHz band, divided into five (05) blocks as outlined below.

Sl. No.	Details of the Spectrum Block	Block Size (MHz)
1.	Spectrum Block-1	713-718/768-773
2.	Spectrum Block-2	718-723/773-778
3.	Spectrum Block-3	723-728/778-783
4.	Spectrum Block-4	728-733/783-788
5.	Spectrum Block-5	743-748/798-803

Subject to availability, an additional four (04) blocks (equivalent to 20 MHz) may also be offered.

7. DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 7.01 An applicant shall be disqualified from obtaining spectrum if it has been convicted of any violation of the Act or any license condition.;
- 7.02 No entity shall be eligible to apply if it has outstanding dues payable to the Commission and has failed to clear them by the application submission deadline under these instructions, unless the matter is sub judice before a Court of law.

8. DURATION OF SPECTRUM ASSIGNMENT

- 8.01 The initial term of the assignment shall extend up to the validity period of the Cellular Mobile Services Operator License, i.e., until 10 March 2039, effective from the date of

assignment. However, the winning bidder(s) must accept and take up the assignment within one (1) month from the date of the auction.

8.02 The spectrum may be renewed for subsequent terms upon payment of spectrum acquisition fee as decided by the Commission.

9. AVAILABILITY OF THE INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions are available in the BTRC website: www.btrc.gov.bd for information only. Moreover, these instructions will be sent to the Cellular Mobile Phone Service Operators by the Commission for their necessary action.

10. APPLICATION FORM

The applicant shall submit an application to the Commission using the prescribed application form, duly completed, signed, and sealed, along with all required documents and information. Detailed requirements for the submission of documents, together with the prescribed application form, are provided in APPENDIX-1 of these instructions.

11. SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

11.01 The application, prepared on the applicant's official letterhead, shall include a duly completed Letter of Transmittal as provided in APPENDIX-1, along with all required supporting documents, an affidavit attested by a Notary Public as per APPENDIX-2, and an authorization letter and declaration as per APPENDIX-3. Each page of the application, the instructions, and all supporting documents must be signed individually by the applicant's authorized representative.

11.02 The applicant shall pay a non-refundable application/processing fee for the spectrum assignment. The fee is BDT 1.5 (one point five) million, payable to the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission through a bank draft or pay order issued by any scheduled bank in Bangladesh.

11.03 The applicant shall submit 2 (two) copies of its application with all relevant documents of which 01 (one) copy must be original. A soft copy of all documents in PDF format must also be submitted to the Commission.

11.04 The Commission reserves the right to reject any application if any information or document submitted is found to be false, inaccurate, or incomplete.

12. APPLICATION PROCESSING

12.01 The Bidding/Auction Conducting Committee will evaluate the proposals based on the information and documents submitted by the applicants. The Commission will subsequently announce the names of the applicants deemed eligible to participate in the open auction.

12.02 The Commission will notify the eligible applicants of their qualification via letter sent by post, courier, or e-mail. The eligible applicants will be permitted to participate in the bidding process upon submission of Bid Earnest Money amounting to BDT 100 (one hundred) million.

- 12.03 Once the Bid Earnest Money has been credited to the designated bank account of the Commission, the Commission will issue a confirmation of receipt to the applicant.
- 12.04 If the Commission requires any additional information from an applicant, it may request such information in writing. The applicant must submit the requested information within the time period specified by the Commission.

13. GENERIC FORM OF THE PROVISIONAL SPECTRUM ASSIGNMENT LETTER

The generic format of the Provisional Spectrum Assignment Letter is provided in APPENDIX-4 of these instructions. This letter will be issued to the winning bidder(s).

14. SPECTRUM ASSIGNMENT

- 14.01 Spectrum will be assigned in accordance with the spectrum blocks specified in Clause 6 of these instructions.
- 14.02 The assigned spectrum will include the necessary guard bands to prevent interference with adjacent operating frequency bands.
- 14.03 In the event of cancellation, termination, or suspension of a Cellular Mobile Operator License for any reason whatsoever, the corresponding spectrum assignment will also stand cancelled, terminated, or suspended.

15. SPECTRUM RE-ARRANGEMENT

The Commission may, if necessary, re-arrange the assigned spectrum to ensure contiguous allocation. In such cases, the Licensee shall comply with the decision and directives of the Commission.

16. AUCTION PROCESS AND AWARD OF SPECTRUM

- 16.01 The Auction shall be conducted using the Open Outcry method. The Auction Procedure for Radio Frequency Auction-2026, which forms an integral part of these instructions, is attached as Appendix-5.
- 16.02 The Commission shall constitute an Auction Conducting Committee to administer and oversee the auction process.
- 16.03 The Auction will be held over multiple rounds following the Open Outcry method, under the terms outlined below:
 - 16.03.1 The bid-increment slab is mentioned in clause no. 4.01.2 of the Appendix-5
 - 16.03.2 Each bidder must deposit the Bid Earnest Money specified in Clause 12.02 within the timeline set by the Commission. Once accepted by the Commission, the bidder shall be deemed obligated to participate in the auction and shall be considered to have agreed to pay at least the base price for one spectrum block. Failure to participate in the auction will result in forfeiture of the Bid Earnest Money.

- 16.03.03 If fewer than two qualified bidders are present on the auction date, the Auction Conducting Committee will take an appropriate decision in this regard.
- 16.03.04 All qualified bidders shall accept the decisions of the Auction Conducting Committee as final and binding.
- 16.03.05 Each winning bidder shall deposit 10% of the total payable Spectrum Assignment Fee as the Bid Deposit into the BTRC-designated bank account, in Bangladeshi Taka (BDT), within 30 (thirty) calendar days from the date of the auction. The Bid Earnest Money will be adjusted against this deposit. The 10% deposit is exclusive of any fees, charges, VAT, or taxes imposed by any other competent authority of the Government.
- 16.03.06 The spectrum will be assigned after payment of the above-mentioned 10% of the Spectrum Assignment Fee, subject to fulfillment of all other terms and conditions set forth in these instructions.
- 16.03.07 The remaining 90% of the total payable Spectrum Assignment Fee shall be paid in nine (9) equal annual installments within nine years from the date of spectrum assignment, in BDT. This remaining 90% is also exclusive of any fees, charges, VAT, or taxes imposed by any other competent Government authority.
- 16.03.08 If any winning bidder fails to pay the first installment within the stipulated time, the bidder ranking next-highest in the auction will be offered the same spectrum at the Auction Winning Price, under the same terms and conditions.
- 16.03.09 The Commission will forfeit the Bid Earnest Money and all other amounts already received from any defaulting bidder(s).
- 16.03.10 A successful or winning bidder may also choose to deposit 100% of the total Spectrum Assignment Fee as a one-time payment into the BTRC-designated bank account, in BDT, at any time during office hours within the time limit stated in Clause 16.03.05.
- 16.03.11 The assigned spectrum may be cancelled if any winning bidder fails to pay any installment within the stipulated time.

17. DISQUALIFICATION FOR OBTAINING SPECTRUM

- 17.01 Without prejudice to any other remedies available, the Commission reserves the right, on the recommendation of the Auction Conducting Committee, to disqualify any bidder and forfeit its funds for any of the reasons specified in these instructions, including but not limited to the following:
 - 17.01.1 If a winning bidder abandons the bid or fails to pay the initial 10% of the total payable Spectrum Assignment Fee within 30 calendar days from the date of the auction, or fails to pay the remaining 90% within the timeline specified in Clauses 16.03.5 and 16.03.7;
 - 17.01.2 Any inaccuracy, misrepresentation, or withholding of facts in any part of the application which is mala-fide;

- 17.01.3 Engagement in illegal conduct, disruption during the auction, or any improper attempt to influence the outcome or delay the process.;
- 17.01.4 Any “corrupt practice,” including the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence a public official in connection with the auction process; or
- 17.01.5 Any fraudulent practice or misrepresentation of facts in order to influence the results of the auction process established by these instructions.

17.02 In the event that a bidder is disqualified under Clause 17.01 or any other provision of these instructions, any spectrum assigned to such bidder under Clause 14 shall be automatically cancelled.

18. COLLUSION

In case there is any evidence of collusion, the Commission reserves the right and authority to disqualify the concerned bidder from the auction process.

19. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION

- 19.01 The information contained in these instructions and any other information provided by the Commission to the applicants during the application process, in writing, is intended to assist bidders in preparation of their bids and shall be binding on them in the course of bidding.
- 19.02 The Commission will continue to make reasonable efforts to include accurate and current information in these instructions and in any other document provided to applicants. However, neither the Commission nor any of its employees, representatives or consultants shall have any liability whatsoever to any applicant or any of its shareholders or members or any other person resulting from use of or reliance on any of the information so provided. Applicants are advised to undertake their own verification of any information supplied by the Commission prior to use of or reliance on that information.

20. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

All deliveries, notices or other communications made to applicants in connection with the application process shall be sent by designated e-mail or letter (courier) to the contact officer of the applicant(s), as specified by the applicant to the Commission in his application.

21. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH BID AND BIDDING

The applicants shall bear all their costs associated with the preparation and submission of their bids and the Commission shall in no way be responsible for these or any other costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the application process.

22. POWER TO ISSUE DIRECTIVES AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

22.01 The Commission may issue directives consistent with these instructions to ensure that the auction process is carried out in a fair, open and transparent manner, in accordance with law and to discourage collusion and predatory bidding that may block the entry of potential bidders into the bidding process.

22.02 The Commission reserves the right and authority to terminate the auction process at any time at its sole discretion. In such an event, Bid Earnest Money would be returned to the bidder within 30 (thirty) working days without bearing any liability for damages.

23. FEES AND CHARGES

23.01 The base price for the spectrum auction under these instructions has been calculated for a period of 15 years. However, the actual duration of the spectrum assignment will align with the remaining term of the Cellular Mobile Services Operator License, i.e., until 10/03/2039 from the date of assignment. In such cases, the auction-winning price will be divided by 15 to determine the annual rate, which will then be multiplied by the number of remaining years of the license from the date of spectrum assignment. The resulting amount shall be considered the actual payable Spectrum Assignment Fee.

23.02 Applicants/Licensees will be required to pay various fees, contributions, and charges to the Commission. The following table provides a summary of the fee structure. All fees are exclusive of any additional charges, VAT, or taxes imposed by any other competent government authority.

Sl.	Items	Details
1.	Application Fee/Processing Fee	BDT 1.5 (one point five) million
2.	Bid Earnest Money	BDT 100 (one hundred) million.
3.	Spectrum Assignment Fee	To be fixed by auction
4.	Spectrum Assignment Fee Payment Schedule	10% of the total amount of payable Spectrum Assignment Fee to be paid within 30 calendar days from the date of auction. The remaining 90% of the total amount of payable Spectrum Assignment Fee shall be paid by 09 (nine) equal installments within nine years from the date of spectrum assignment.
5.	Base Price/MHz for Auction for 15 Years	BDT 2,370 million.
6.	Annual Spectrum charge for Access Frequency assigned in 700 MHz band.	Annual spectrum charge for the assigned spectrum from 700 MHz band is exempted for the first year. However, charge has to be paid from second and subsequent years as per the Annual Spectrum Pricing formula described in Cellular Mobile Phone Service Operators Licenses.

23.03 Licensee shall pay all required fees within the stipulated timelines specified in these instructions. All fees, charges, and related payments made by the Licensee are non-refundable and must be made in favor of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission through a bank draft or pay order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh.

23.04 **Application Fee/Processing Fee:** The Application/Processing Fee is BDT 1.5 (one point five) million. It shall be payable via pay order or bank draft issued from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favor of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission.

23.05 **Bid Earnest Money:** The Bid Earnest Money is BDT 100 (one hundred) million, payable via pay order or bank draft. For the successful bidder(s), the Bid Earnest Money will be adjusted against the Spectrum Assignment Fee. For unsuccessful bidders, the Bid



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Earnest Money will be refunded within 30 (thirty) Gregorian calendar days from the date of bidding, without any liability for interest, indexation, inflation, or deflation.

23.06 **VAT and Tax:** All kinds of VAT and TAX shall have to be paid as set out by the competent Government authority.

24. PROVISION FOR THE UNASSIGNED SPECTRUM

24.01 Following this auction, any unsold or unassigned spectrum blocks may be allocated through an administrative process within one year from the date of the auction at the price determined in this auction. However, the Commission reserves the right to decide to conduct a separate auction for the aforementioned unsold or unassigned spectrum, either within the one-year period or beyond, as deemed appropriate.

25. ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence relating to these instructions, Investors' Conference, submission of application documents, Auction procedure and assignment of spectrum shall be duly marked with "Radio Frequency Auction – 2026" and should be addressed to:

Chairman
Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission
E-5/A, Agargaon Adm. Area, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
E-mail: chairman@btrc.gov.bd

26. BIDDING AND AUCTION PROCESS TIMETABLE

The timetable for submission of applications, conduct of the auction, and other related activities is provided in the table below. The Commission, however, reserves the right to modify the overall timetable for the bidding and auction process, taking into consideration prevailing circumstances at the relevant time.

SL	Description	Date & Day
1.	Guideline publish	27 Nov,2025
2.	Submission of Queries (if any)	10 Dec,2025
3.	Pre-Bid Meeting	11 Dec,2025
4.	Submission of Application to the Commission	21 Dec,2025
5.	Publish the List of Qualified Applicants for the Auction	24 Dec,2025
6.	Consultation on Auction Procedure	31 Dec,2026
7.	Submission of Bid Earnest Money	08 Jan,2026
8.	Letter of Acceptance/Rejection to Participate in the Bidding	12 Jan,2026
9.	Auction	14 Jan,2026



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APPENDIX-1

BANGLADESH TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATORY COMMISSION LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

For the Assignment of Spectrum from 700 MHz band to Build, Operate and Maintain Cellular Mobile Services in Bangladesh

Information Requirement

SL.	Information Required	Information Furnished/Compliance
1.	A Single/ Combined Letter of Application for 700 MHz band (in letterhead pad). Duration of Spectrum Assignment Name, date, and place of incorporation, from the companies register. Business Address and Registered Office Address and telephone number, facsimile number, e-mail, and website details.	
2.	Business or Company's structure details The applicant shall submit copies of certified true copies of the corrected version of Memorandum and Articles of Association and Certificate of Incorporation/registration from the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms and also submit a clearance certificate of Income Tax paid. Copies of the certificate of Board of Investment (BoI) should be submitted with the application.	
3.	i) List of the license(s) from the Commission ii) Disclosure of any criminal record or personal bankruptcy of any person.	
4.	Affidavit as mentioned in Appendix-2	
5.	Letter of Authorization and Declaration as mentioned in Appendix-3	
6.	Payment information for the application/processing fee of BDT 1.5 (one point five) million.	

I/we declare that all the information furnished in this application form is true and correct. I/we understand that approval from the Commission for this application is based on information as declared in this application. Should any of the information as declared be incorrect, then spectrum assigned by this auction may be cancelled.

I/we also declare that I/we have read, understood and do hereby undertake to comply with all the terms and conditions outlined or referred to in this Guideline for the Assignment of this Spectrum and those terms and conditions included in the Spectrum Assignment Letter, if this application is approved by the Commission.

Signature, Name & Designation & Company Stamp

Date:

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APPENDIX-2

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned, _____, of legal age, and residing at _____
(Name of Official/Individual Applicant(s))

(Address) after having been duly sworn deposed states:

1. That he/she is the _____
(Official Capacity)
of

(Name of company/corporation/partnership/society/individual (the Applicant(s)))
duly organized under the laws of _____.
(Name of Country)

OR

That he/she is the Applicant(s) for the Spectrum Assignment referred to below (the Applicant(s)), a citizen of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh.

2. That personally, and as _____ for and on behalf
(Official Capacity)
of the Applicant(s) he/she hereby certifies:
 - a) That all statements made in the Applicant(s)'s application for the Spectrum Assignment from -----bands and in the required attachments to that application are true and correct;
 - b) That this certification is made for the expressed purpose of an application by _____ for the Spectrum Assignment from-----band from the (name) Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission;
 - c) The Applicant(s) will make available to the Commission or any other of its authorized agencies any information they may find necessary to verify any item in the application or regarding its competence and general reputation;
 - d) That any of its directors/partners (where the applicant(s) is a company
 - i) He/it is not convicted for any violation of the Act or any License condition;

ii) He/it has no outstanding dues to the Commission

e) That the undersigned is the Applicant(s) or is duly authorized by the Applicant(s) to make these representations and to sign this affidavit.

Director/Secretary/Partner/Duly Authorised Representative/Attorney
as or on behalf of the Applicant(s)

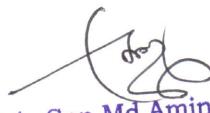
Witnesses

1. _____ 2. _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this _____ day of _____ 20 ____ at _____.

Notary Public



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APPENDIX-3
LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION AND DECLARATION
[Letterhead of the Company]

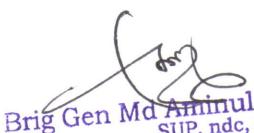
I, _____, Company Secretary of [HERE GIVE FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE APPLICANT ENTITY] (the “Company”), do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company duly convened and held on _____, and that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked, and is at present in full force and effect;

RESOLVED THAT the Company be and is hereby authorized to apply for the grant of [here describe the nature of the license being applied for], (“the License”) and to comply with all requirements of its application process and the terms of the License, if any, granted as a consequence;

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mr. _____ bearing National ID/Passport No _____ resident of _____ [here give designation of the appointee] be and is hereby appointed as an attorney of the Company (“the Attorney”), to be and to act as our lawful attorney, for us, in our name and on our behalf to exercise any and all of the powers herein contained, that is to say:

1. to sign, execute or authenticate all applications or other documents required to be submitted to Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (herein after the “BTRC” or “Commission”) and to act for and on our behalf in all matters relating to the spectrum assignment from 700 MHz band.
2. to fulfill all the requirements and formalities as may be required to be fulfilled for the assignment of the spectrum applied for, on behalf of the Applicant.
3. to attend all hearings before the Commission and to provide all necessary documents and material information or assistance as may be required by the Commission for its satisfaction to assign the spectrum applied for by the Applicant;
4. to sign all applications, correspondence, statements or other documents submitted to the Commission on behalf of the Applicant relating to assignment of the spectrum applied for, by the Applicant;
5. to execute all such documents and undertake all such acts as may be necessary in order to comply with the directions, decisions, decisions and orders of the Commission relating to assignment of spectrum applied for by the Applicant;
6. and generally to do all such acts as may be necessary or incidental for the assignment of the spectrum applied for by the Applicant.

Company Secretary


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APPENDIX-4

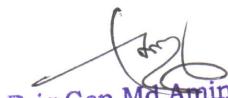
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Subject: Provisional Spectrum Assignment from 700 MHz band.

With reference to the above mentioned subject, the undersigned is directed to inform that, in exercise of the powers under section 55 of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulation Act 2001 (As amended in 2010), Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission is pleased to issue the Spectrum Block ----- of MHz from ----- band to Ltd, represented by its CEO/MD having its registered office atto Operate Radio Communications Equipment for establishing, operating and maintaining the Cellular Mobile Telecommunication network throughout Bangladesh and provide Cellular Mobile Phone Services to the subscribers, subject to the terms and conditions of the Cellular Mobile Phone Services Operator License and Radio Communications Apparatus License for Cellular Mobile Services

Director General
Spectrum Division, BTRC

To
Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director


Brig Gen Md Aminul Hoque
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Director General
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APPENDIX-5

THE AUCTION PROCEDURE FOR RADIO FREQUENCY AUCTION – 2026

1. This document is an integral part of the “Instructions for Radio Frequency Auction-2026”. The subjected auction will be held on 14 January, 2026 at 10:00 AM. The venue of the auction will be informed before the auction. This auction will be held to award spectrum from 700 MHz band to the Cellular Mobile Phone Service Operators following open outcry method. Details of auction procedures are described subsequently in this document.
2. The auction shall be conducted in two phases as follows:
 - a. Phase-1: Auction for 5 blocks (each block is 5 MHz) from 700 MHz band.
 - b. Phase-2: Auction for unsold spectrum (if any).

3. SPECTRUM BLOCKS TO BE ASSIGNED

The Commission will award 25 MHz of spectrum in the 700 MHz band, divided into five (05) blocks as outlined below. The winning bidders shall choose spectrum from the blocks.

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1.	Spectrum Block-1	713-718/768-773
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4. THE BIDDING PROCESS

4.01 PHASE-1

PHASE-1: Auction for 05 (five) blocks of spectrum will be the first phase of auction to start the proceedings. During this phase, each bidder will be eligible to acquire a maximum of two (02) blocks through the open auction process.

- 4.01.1 The base price is set at BDT 2,370 million per MHz for a 15-year period.
- 4.01.2 The first bid announced by the Auctioneer will be at the base price, i.e., BDT 2,370 million per MHz. Each subsequent bid will increase in increments of BDT 25 million per MHz. Accordingly, the second bid will be BDT 2,395 million per MHz, and so on.
 - a. Each round of bidding will commence with an announcement from the Auctioneer. Bidders will raise their placards to indicate their willingness to participate in that round. The response time for each round will be three (03) minutes. Each bidder is allowed a single, irrevocable bid per round.
 - b. The Auction Conducting Committee will determine the ranking of bidders based on the order in which placards are raised, from fastest to slowest.
 - c. In case of any dispute regarding the ranking of bidders in a round, the Auction Conducting Committee will make the final determination based on the video record.

- d. If a bidder raises their placard before the Auctioneer announces the start of the round, that round will be canceled and restarted.
- e. The decision of the Auction Conducting Committee shall be final and binding in the event of any dispute.
- f. After each round, the details of the bidders along with their ranks will be displayed in chronological order. Additionally, the nominated representative(s) of the bidder(s) shall sign the prescribed form (Appendix-6) and submit it to the Auction Conducting Committee.
- g. In the case of multiple rounds, only the bidder's response in the latest round will be considered for the final ranking in Phase-1. In the event of a tie in response time requiring resolution, the tie will be settled by a random draw (lottery).
- h. If there is only a single bidder in a round, the bidding will proceed to the next round. The bid of the same sole bidder will not be considered in subsequent rounds unless additional bids are received from other participants.

4.01.3 The auction shall continue until no further bids are received.

4.01.4 The final bid will be confirmed by the fall of the hammer.

4.01.5 The auction winner—that is, the highest bidder or, in the case of multiple identical bids, the chronologically first bidder—will be given the first priority to select spectrum block(s) after the completion of all rounds in the first phase. The spectrum shall be assigned contiguously, starting from either (starting or ending) end of the available band as determined by the Commission.

4.01.6 The second highest bidder will be given the opportunity to match the auction-winning bid, as determined under Clause 4.01.4 of these Auction Procedures. If the bidder agrees, they shall qualify to obtain spectrum block(s). By matching the highest bid, the second-highest bidder will be allowed to select block(s) from the remaining available spectrum after the completion of all rounds in the first phase.

4.01.7 The same procedure shall apply to the third highest and subsequent bidders until all available spectrum blocks are assigned.

4.01.8 To implement the procedures outlined in Clauses 4.01.6 and 4.01.7, the Auction Conducting Committee will consider the response time of each bidder, ranking them from quickest to slowest in cases where multiple bids are received in the same round.

4.01.9 Any bidder intending to acquire spectrum must participate in the first round of the auction.

4.01.10 A bidder who fails to participate in two consecutive rounds at any stage of the auction will be disqualified from further participation.

4.02 PHASE-2

4.02.1 After completion of Phase-1 of the auction, as outlined in the preceding clauses, any unsold spectrum block(s) shall be offered to all bidders. In this phase, each bidder may acquire a maximum of one (01) block.

4.02.2 Offers for such unsold spectrum block(s) will be extended to all bidders in accordance with their ranking from Phase-1.

4.02.3 The price of each unsold block of spectrum shall be equivalent to the winning price determined in Phase-1.

- 4.03 The decisions of the Auction Conducting Committee shall be final and binding on all bidders throughout the bidding process.
- 4.04 The bidder that obtains 5 MHz of spectrum in this auction may be granted the first right of refusal to acquire an additional 5 MHz in the next assignment of the 700 MHz band, subject to spectrum availability.

5 GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE BIDDERS

- 5.01 Each bidder may nominate up to five (5) representatives to participate in the auction event. The names, two (2) copies of stamp-size photographs, copies of valid Passports/National ID Cards, and designations of these representatives must be submitted to the Commission by 08 January 2026. Identity Cards will be issued by the Commission accordingly. No other individuals will be permitted to enter the auction room as participants. The signatory of the main application form must be included among the representatives. In his/her absence, a duly authorized representative may attend. All representatives must bring the company seal for use on official documents as required during the auction.
- 5.02 Each bidder shall nominate and authorize two (2) representatives to sign the auction bid. Specimen signatures of these nominees must be submitted to the Commission by 08 January 2026. These signatures must be attested by the signatory of the main application form and will be verified by the Auction Conducting Committee during the auction.
- 5.03 Each bidder shall nominate and authorize one (1) representative to place bids using the outcry button once the auction commences. Details of this authorized individual must be submitted to the Commission by 08 January 2026.
- 5.04 On the day of the auction, bidders must complete the registration process, which will begin one hour prior to the start of the auction. Representatives should take their seats in the auction room at least 30 minutes before the auction begins. Upon registration, each bidder will be assigned a table number (at random). Representatives must sit at their designated bidding table according to this number. Each bidding table will be equipped with a copy of "The Auction Procedure for Radio Frequency Auction – 2026," necessary equipment, a set of bidding forms corresponding to the bidder number, a microphone, and other required stationery.
- 5.05 Upon completion of Phase-1, a 30-minute break will be provided before commencing Phase-2, if applicable. The Auctioneer may declare a break, pause, or temporary stop in the auction process at any time, as deemed necessary.
- 5.06 If, at any time before or during any bid, the Auction Conducting Committee deems it necessary to cancel, suspend, or abandon that particular phase or round due to any circumstance, the Committee shall notify all bidders:
 - a. that the bid will not proceed, or will be suspended or abandoned, as applicable; and
 - b. of the time at which the bid will resume.

- 5.07 The Commission will issue a notification of provisional spectrum assignment in favor of the winning bidder(s) on the day following the auction.
- 5.08 Disqualification: The Commission may, upon the recommendation of the Auction Conducting Committee, disqualify any bidder and forfeit its submitted money for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Engaging in illegal conduct during the bidding or auction process, or attempting to improperly influence the outcome, delay, or disrupt the process.
 - b. Any corrupt practice, meaning the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any item of value to influence the actions of a public official or auctioneer in relation to the licensing process outlined in these guidelines.
 - c. Any fraudulent practice or misrepresentation of facts intended to influence the results of the licensing process established by these guidelines.
- 5.10 If any difficulty arises due to ambiguity in any clause of these Instructions, the Commission or the Auction Conducting Committee may clarify or interpret such clause and provide a decision during the auction process. Such decisions shall be final and binding on all bidders.
- 5.11 The Commission reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to modify, suspend, or terminate the bidding process at any time, including during the auction period, if deemed necessary.
- 5.12 The Auction Procedure for Radio Frequency Auction – 2026 (this document) has been issued with the approval of the competent authority.



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APPENDIX-6

Radio Frequency Auction-2026 **Declaration Form for Bidders**

Phase-1: Auction of 700 MHz Spectrum Band

Name of Bidder/Company: _____

Name of Authorized Representative: _____

Round of Bidding: _____
(Example: Opening Bid is Round 01)

Response Time: _____

Rank: _____

Bidding Price (in Figure): BDT _____ Million/MHz for 15 Years

Bidding Price (in Words): BDT _____ Million/MHz for 15 Years

Chosen Spectrum Band at end of Phase -1: _____

Chosen Spectrum Block(/s) at end of Phase-1: _____

I, on behalf of _____ Limited solemnly declare that _____ accepts the above-mentioned information. The decision is valid, irrevocable and binding upon _____.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date: _____

Company Seal:

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Phase-2: Auction of 700 MHz Spectrum Band

Name of Bidder/Company: _____

Name of Authorized Representative: _____

Overall Rank of the bidder as per Phase-1: _____

Spectrum Band: _____

Chosen Spectrum Block (/s):

Bidding Price (in Figure): BDT _____ Million/MHz for 15 Years

Bidding Price (in Words): BDT _____ Million/MHz for 15 Years

I, on behalf of _____ Limited solemnly declare that _____
accepts the above-mentioned information. The decision is valid, irrevocable and binding
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Date: _____

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