

POSTAL SERVICES ACT 2000
SECTIONS 11 AND 12
NOTICE
OF PROPOSAL TO GRANT A LICENCE TO
MAIL PLUS LTD

Whereas –

- (1) Mail Plus Ltd a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 with registration number 5084682 having its registered office at Roebuck Lane, Smethwick, West Midlands, B66 1BY (“the Applicant”) on 11 November 2005 applied for a licence under section 11 of the Postal Services Act 2000 (“the Act”).
- (2) The application is for a licence incorporating the Commission’s standard conditions under the new licensing framework from 2006.

The Commission therefore gives notice as follows –

1. The Commission proposes, subject to consideration of representations made in accordance with this notice and not withdrawn, to grant a licence under section 11 of the Act to the Applicant.
2. The provisions of the licence that the Commission proposes to grant to the Applicant are set out in the Annex to this Notice.
3. The reasons for the proposal of the Commission to grant a licence to the Applicant are that -
 - (a) the Commission is of the view that the grant of the licence on the terms proposed will have no appreciable adverse effect on the provision of a universal postal service in the United Kingdom,
 - (b) the Commission is of the view that the grant of the licence will further the interests of users of postal services by promoting competition between postal operators, and
 - (c) the grant of a licence on the terms proposed is consistent with –
 - (i) the Commission’s view that competition is conducive to the provision of an affordable universal postal service,
 - (ii) the Commission’s strategy for promoting effective competition in UK postal services in a fully open market as published in the February 2005 Decision Document “Giving customers choice: a fully open postal services market”, and

(iii) the Commission's licensing policy on the conditions of licences as set out in the August 2005 Decision Document "Licences under the Postal Services Act 2000: Licensing framework in a fully open market".

4. Representations regarding the proposed licence may be made to the Commission within the period commencing on and including the date of this notice and ending on and including the thirtieth day after the date of this Notice.

5. Representations regarding the proposed licence should be made in writing to -

The Postal Services Commission
Hercules House
Hercules Road
London SE1 7DB

Fax: 020 7593 2142

marked for the attention of Sarah Benson.

6. Telephone enquiries regarding the proposed licence may be made to Claire Mehegan on 020 7593 2124.

Sarah Chambers
Chief Executive
authorised by the Commission

Dated: 16 November 2005