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Highest ever GSM Additions in March 2008

GSM industry signs off Financial Year 2007-08 with a Flourish

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COAI is delighted to report an unprecedented and unparalleled growth in the All India GSM subscriber base by over 7.6 million during the month of March 2008 – the highest ever subscriber additions since the inception of GSM service in India.

With this, the cumulative All India GSM subscriber base has now grown to 192.3 million in March 2008, up from 185.0 million in February 2008, a growth of about 4% during the month of March 2008.

Mr TV Ramachandran, Director General, COAI stated that, “the COAI is delighted at the sustained escalation in the rate of growth of GSM mobile services.” Mr. Ramachandran attributed this excellent performance of the GSM industry to a combination of factors, including aggressive network expansion, excellent affordability, ample choice of service and continuing customer pull for GSM.

He stated that the COAI and the GSM operators were deeply gratified by the continued support of their customers and took this opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to their existing and potential customers “to continue to provide them with world class services and the best value proposition for their communication needs.”

He also predicted that the in the month of April, Indian telecom industry will add another feather to its cap by becoming the second largest wireless network in the world, after China. He pointed out that this tremendous growth has been primarily driven by the GSM industry.

Among all circles, Category C circles witnessed the highest rate of growth at nearly 4.5%. Within the Category C circles, the highest growth was recorded by the Assam at 6.9% followed by Jammu & Kashmir Circle at 4.8%.

In terms of growth, Category C circles were closely followed by Category A circles, which recorded a healthy growth of 4.4% over the previous month. Maharashtra Circle recorded the highest growth at 6.5% followed by Gujarat at 5.0).

Category B circles witnessed a growth of 4.0%. Amongst the Category B circles, U.P. (West) recorded highest growth at 4.7% followed by Rajasthan at 4.0%.

The subscribers in Metro grew by 2.4% over the previous month, with Chennai recording the highest growth at 2.8% followed by Kolkata at 2.7%.