

## Press release

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### **Salt successfully participated in the Swiss spectrum auction – Ready to launch 5G services**

- Salt pleased with the result achieved in the Swiss spectrum auction
- Salt secured 2x10 MHz of 700 MHz FDD spectrum as well as 10 MHz of 1,400 MHz SDL spectrum and 80 MHz of 3.5 GHz TDD spectrum for a total of CHF 94.5 million
- Auction result enables Salt to further improve its high-quality mobile network, allows 5G coverage and next-generation speed, latency and capacity

On Friday February 8, 2019 the Federal Communications Commission (ComCom), published the outcome of the spectrum auction, which shapes the Swiss frequency landscape for the next ten years. The acquired frequencies will enable operators to deploy 5G-technology in Switzerland in the near future.

*Pascal Grieder, CEO at Salt, commented: "We are extremely satisfied with the outcome of the 5G auction. Our strategy has been successful, and we now look forward to further improving our network and to launch 5G services later this year. The introduction of 5G technology will be a key element to bring digitalization in Switzerland to the next level and make a significant contribution to the competitiveness of the country's infrastructure."*

Salt secured 2x10 MHz of 700 MHz FDD spectrum as well as 10 MHz of 1,400 MHz SDL spectrum and 80 MHz of 3.5 GHz TDD spectrum for a total of CHF 94.5 million. With this, the operator will be able to further reinforce its world-class mobile network in collaboration with its European infrastructure partner Nokia and provide its customers with a 5G coverage and next-generation speed, latency and capacity as of the third quarter this year. This will allow the operator to expand and diversify its service offering, whilst providing users with a high level of security.

The acquisition of 700MHz FDD spectrum was crucial to Salt's low-band spectrum portfolio and further underlines the operators' strategy of providing deeper indoor 5G high-speed coverage to its users throughout Switzerland.

The 3.5 GHz TDD spectrum and 1,400 MHz SDL spectrum will mainly be used to deliver extreme mobile broadband with super-fast speeds and ultra-robust, low-latency connectivity for consumers as well as for the Internet of Things (IoT).

Earlier this week, Salt's mobile network was rewarded with a "very good"-grade by the German magazine Connect. Thanks to its continued investments, Salt recorded the largest improvement over the previous year among other Swiss operators, which underlines its commitment to provide mobile clients with an exceptional mobile network experience.

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	Existing holding	Purchased	Post-Purchased
700 MHz (paired)		2x10 MHz	2x10 MHz
800 MHz	2x10 MHz		2x10 MHz
900 MHz	2x5 MHz		2x5 MHz
1400 MHz		10 MHz	10 MHz
1800 MHz	2X25 MHz		2X25 MHz
2100 MHz	2X20 MHz		2X20 MHz
2600 MHz (paired)	2X20 MHz		2X20 MHz
3600 MHz		80 MHz	80 MHz

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About Salt: Salt is a Swiss telecommunications provider which owns and operates an extensive, high-quality mobile telecommunications network infrastructure. Thanks to its ultrafast broadband solution called Salt Fiber, Salt provides a unique triple play service, which for the first time in Switzerland takes full advantage of the optical fiber technology by means of symmetrical data transmission rates of up to 10 Gbit/s. Salt Fiber can be combined in a gainful way with Salt's powerful Plus flat rate subscriptions - a revolutionary and straight forward portfolio.

Salt in figures: 1,244,000 postpaid customers (as of 30.09.2018), 99 Salt Stores and 4G coverage of 98% of Switzerland's population.