**Review of Mobile Handset Eco-Rating Schemes**

Abstract:

Over the past few years, the mobile handset industry as mobile telecom operators and other organizations have developed eco-rating schemes to communicate the sustainability and environmental performance of handsets to consumers. The goal has been to achieve simple, comprehensive schemes, based on life cycle thinking, sound science and manufacturers’ own sustainability and environmental research to deliver what consumers want – a single source of truth; a one-stop assessment of all the major sustainability parameters affecting handsets.

This presentation will review the current eco-rating schemes that have been developed, the similarities and differences in approaches and potential recommendations for future improvements and standardisation.