

Cellular mast emissions survey

JCG



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1 Executive summary

The Jersey Competition and Regulatory Authority or JCRA regularly monitors emission levels from the cellular masts in Jersey¹ to ensure the mobile network operators who operate their services from those masts comply with their license obligations in terms of power levels and that the levels from the sites meet the internationally recognised standards and guidelines regarding health and safety limits for the public.

In 2017, JCRA commissioned EM emission level surveys at all the sites within the island. The surveys were repeated in each subsequent year for all new sites and sites where major changes were made by the operators in the previous year. This report presents the results of the survey conducted at the JCG site in 2022.

The JCG site was used by a single mobile operator at the time of the survey: JT. Surveys were conducted at all cellular frequency bands (800, 900, 1800, 2100 and 2600MHz) for all mobile cellular technologies (GSM, 3G and 4G) and for all three cellular operators as a routine procedure. Even though the reported levels are expected to be predominantly emitted from this site, the test equipment does not discriminate between nearby sites which means that the levels are cumulated over all site emissions detected by the test instrument.

The survey established that the emission levels around the site were very low and well below the safety limits for the public advised by internationally recognised standards.

The values shown hereafter are the maximum levels recorded around the site following a peak search. The levels were found to be lower at all the other locations round this site. The recorded values are true at the time of testing and can go up or down depending on the level of user activity on the site.

The total Exposure Quotient (EQ) for the site recorded across all detected cellular frequency bands is given at the bottom of the summary table below. A total EQ close to 1 (one) for the site would mean that emission levels approach the safety limit advised by ICNIRP in their guidelines.

Table 1 – Cumulative exposure quotient

Site Name	Band [MHz]	Max E-field in band [V/m]	Operator at Max E-field	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
JCG	800	0.5547	JT	70	0.001655266	1/ 604
	900	2.504	JT	16	0.005947599	1/ 168
	1800	0.06668	JT	875	5.84873E-06	1/ 170977
	2100	0.009334	Airtel	6535	1.72698E-06	1/ 579045
	2600	0.03693	JT	1652	7.26274E-06	1/ 137689
Total Site EQ					0.007617704	1/ 131

The results show that the total EQ was measured at 1/131 and therefore remains below the ICNIRP guidelines.

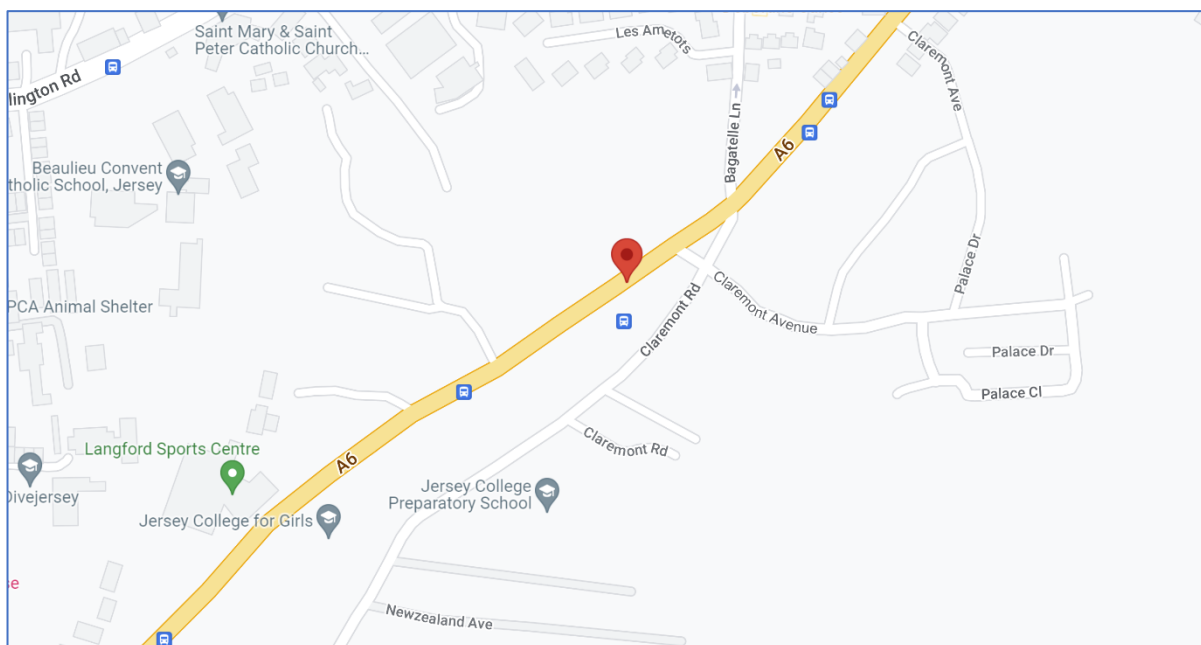
The graphs which follow show the activity on all the frequency bands surveyed. The plots are colour-coded for easy identification of the three main operators: Airtel in red, Sure in dark blue, and Jersey Telecom in light blue. The graphs are also supported by the equivalent statistical figures derived from the measured levels at the site for added clarity.

¹ Prior to 1 July 2020, the JCRA and the Guernsey Competition & Regulatory Authority coordinated their activities in the Channel Islands as the Channel Islands Competition Regulatory Authorities (CICRA). Earlier reports may refer to CICRA rather than JCRA.

2 Site details

2.1 Site location

Figure 1 – Map of the site area



Site name:	JCG
Site address:	JCG carpark, Bagatelle road
Site latitude:	49.18805
Site longitude:	-2.09106

2.2 Site description

Operators:	JT
Antenna types:	Directional
Approximate height:	12m
Site type:	Monopole
Description:	The antenna is located in a car park behind a house and beside an access ramp. Public access to the antenna is not possible and getting close to the antenna without climbing aid is not possible.

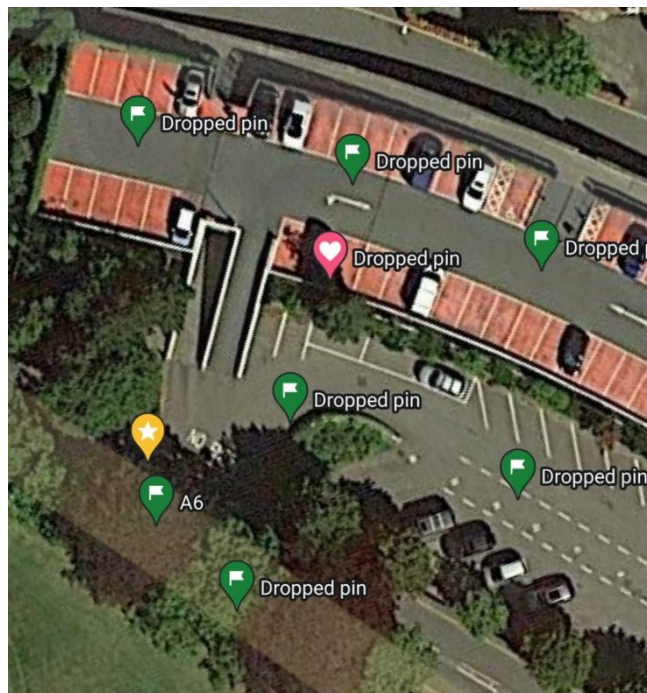
2.3 Site photo

Figure 2 – Location of the peak and where emission levels were measured



2.4 Test location

Figure 3 – Survey area with spot measurement markers



The red heart pin is the site location, the green flag pins are intermediate locations measured at during the peak search and the yellow star pin is the spot where the highest spot search reading was obtained and where the detailed survey was carried out.

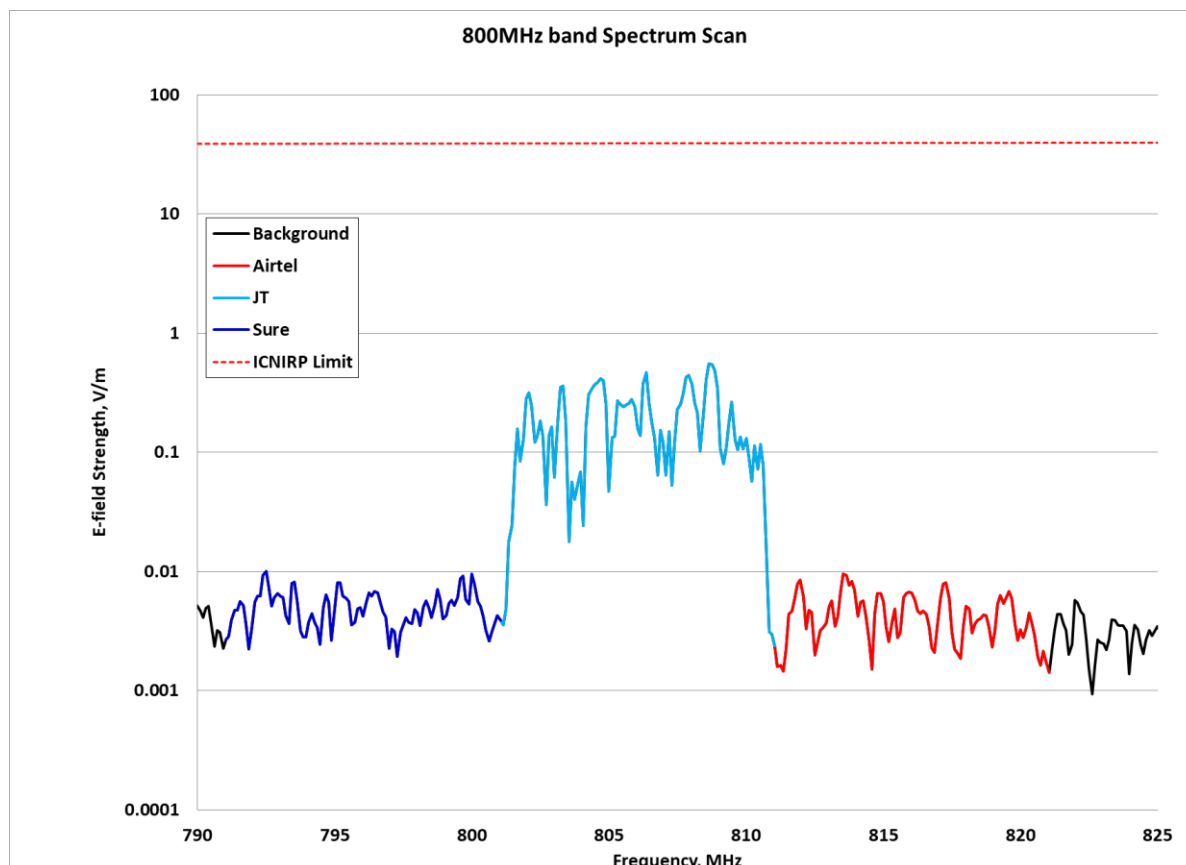
As part of the peak search procedure, spot measurements were taken at locations around the antennas as shown on the above sketch. The reported spectrum scans were taken at the peak location (shown in red above) where the highest readings were recorded. The spectrum readings reported further down this report were recorded over a period of six minutes as advised by ICNIRP.

3 Survey results

3.1 800MHz band

The graph for the 800MHz activity is shown below with the E-field strength levels measured at the site plotted on a logarithmic scale.

Figure 4 – 800MHz band spectrum scan



The red line on the scan represents the Airtel activity, the light blue is JT and the dark blue is Sure. ICNIRP's reference level for the general public is also shown as the straight dashed line at the top of the graph. For clarity, each step on the vertical axis represents a 10-fold increase. The same scaling and colour scheme will be used throughout this report.

No field level recorded across the band was higher than 0.5547 V/m (JT), which is 70 times smaller than the ICNIRP Guideline Reference Level.

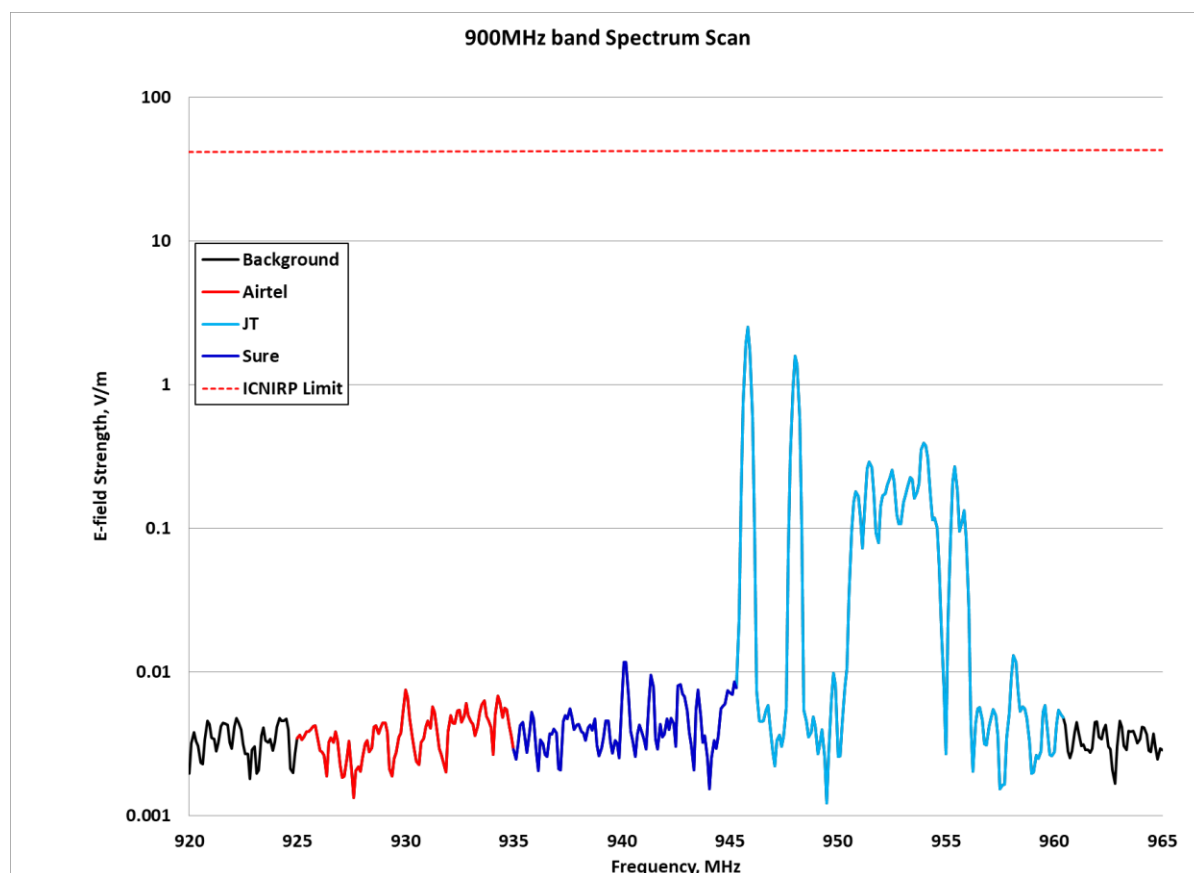
Table 2 – 800MHz band exposure quotient at JCG

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
JCG	Airtel	800	0.009548	4073	7.13897E-07	1/ 1400763
	JT		0.5547	70	0.001653642	1/ 605
	Sure		0.009989	3893	9.10262E-07	1/ 1098585

3.2 900MHz band

The graph for the 900MHz activity is shown below.

Figure 5 – 900MHz band spectrum scan



No field level recorded across the band was higher than 2.504 V/m (JT), which is 16 times smaller than the ICNIRP Guideline Reference Level.

The EQ results for the 900MHz band are shown below.

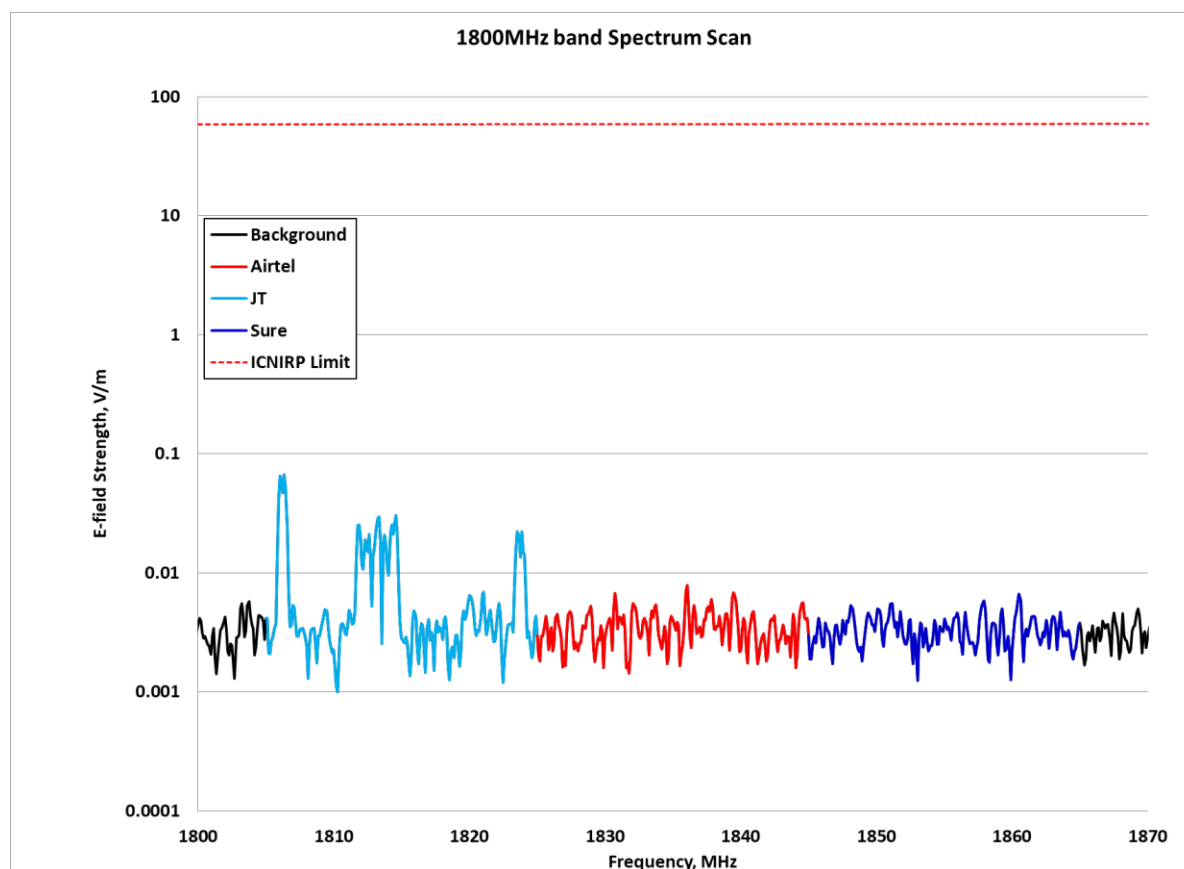
Table 3 – 900MHz band exposure quotient at JCG

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
JCG	Airtel	900	0.007445	5541	4.40351E-07	1/ 2270914
	JT		2.504	16	0.005946511	1/ 168
	Sure		0.01168	3532	6.48113E-07	1/ 1542940
	total band EQ			0.005947599	1/ 168	

3.3 1800MHz band

The graph for the 1800MHz activity around the site is shown below.

Figure 6 – 1800MHz spectrum scan



Only marginal activity was recorded in the 1800MHz band at this site.

The EQ results for the 1800MHz band are shown below.

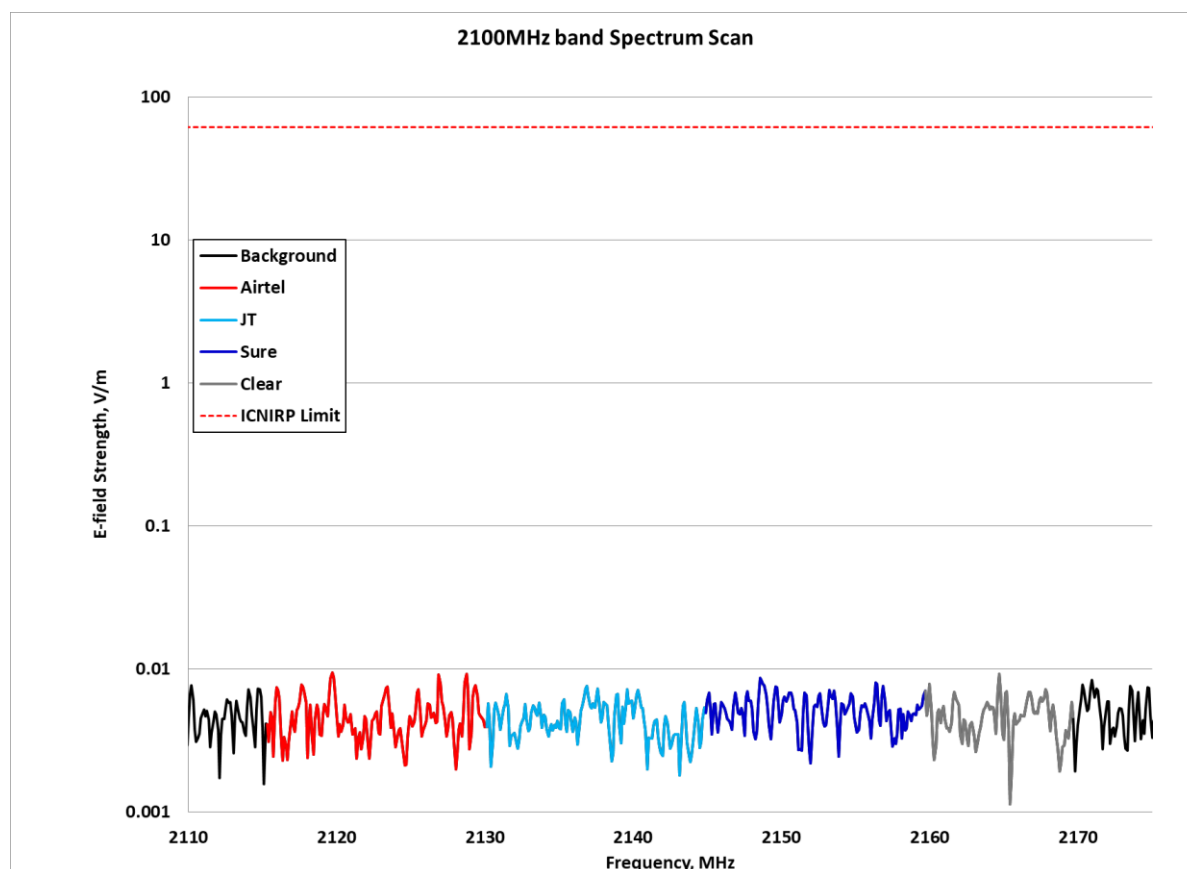
Table 4 – 1800MHz band exposure quotient at JCG

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
JCG	Airtel	1800	0.007859	7423	3.77567E-07	1/ 2648533
	JT		0.06668	875	5.14632E-06	1/ 194314
	Sure		0.006588	8855	3.24844E-07	1/ 3078402
total band EQ					5.84873E-06	1/ 170977

3.4 2100MHz band

The graph for the 2100MHz band activity around the site is shown below.

Figure 7 – 2100MHz band spectrum scan



No activity was recorded in the 2100MHz band at this site.

The EQ results for the 2100MHz band are shown below.

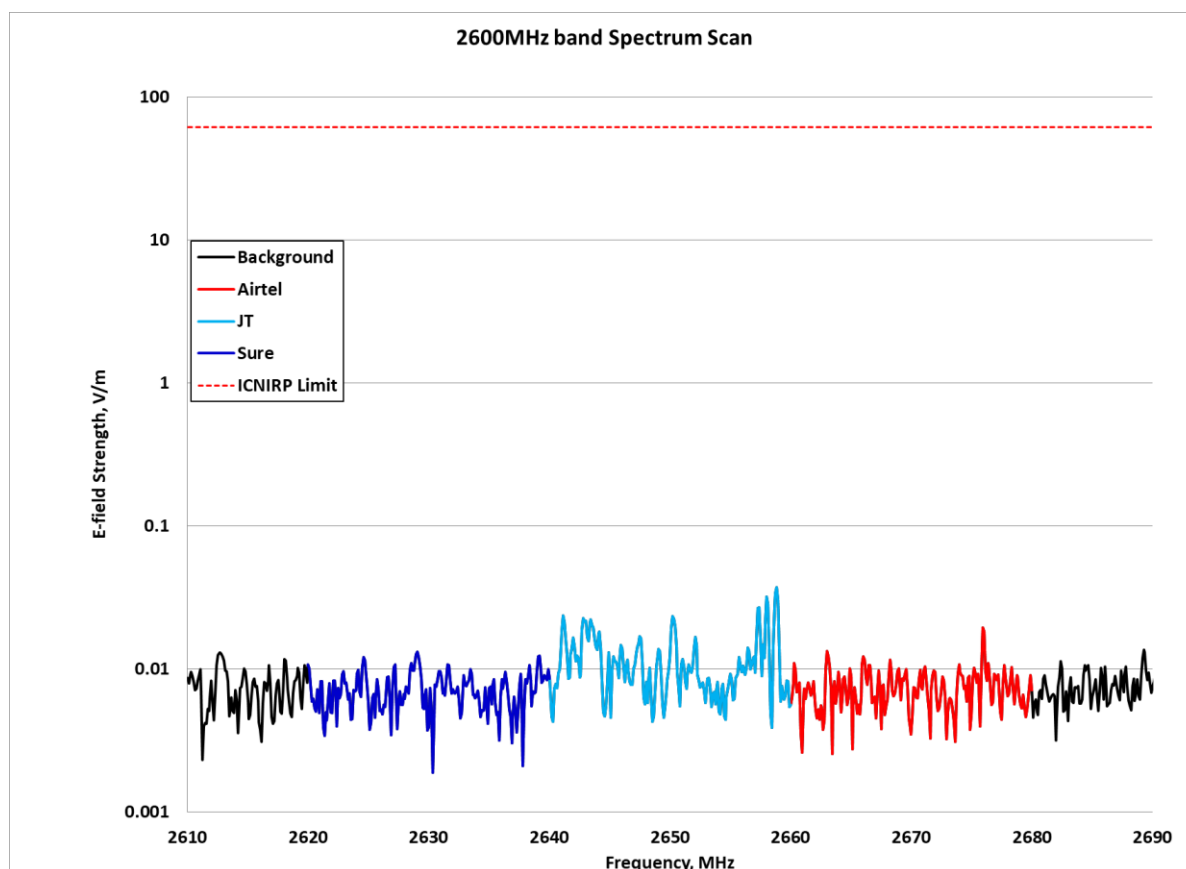
Table 5 – 2100MHz band exposure quotient at JCG

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
JCG	Airtel	2100	0.009334	6535	4.64083E-07	1/ 2154787
	JT		0.007573	8055	4.13073E-07	1/ 2420882
	Sure		0.008577	7112	5.38387E-07	1/ 1857400
	Clear		0.00921	6623	3.1144E-07	1/ 3210892
total band EQ					1.72698E-06	1/ 579045

3.5 2600MHz band

The graph for the 2600MHz band activity around the site is shown below.

Figure 8 – 2600MHz band spectrum scan



Only marginal activity was recorded in the 2600MHz band at this site.

The EQ results for the 2600MHz band are shown below.

Table 6 – 2600MHz band exposure quotient at JCG

Site Name	Operator	Band [MHz]	Max E-field Strength [V/m]	ICNIRP Limit Relative to Max E-field	Band Exposure Quotient	Band EQ Relative to ICNIRP
JCG	Airtel	2600	0.01935	3152	1.5409E-06	1/ 648972
	JT		0.03693	1652	4.29285E-06	1/ 232945
	Sure		0.01312	4649	1.42899E-06	1/ 699794
total band EQ					7.26274E-06	1/ 137689

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