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Attention: Mr. Lee Hsien Yang  
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Sirs

**DIRECTION OF THE INFO-COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE: MODIFICATION OF REFERENCE INTERCONNECTION OFFER (“RIO”) TO INCORPORATE HANDOVER OF TAIL LOCAL LEASED CIRCUITS (“TLLCs”) AT THE G.703 INTERFACE STANDARD WITH GROOMING**

1. The Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore (“**IDA**”), pursuant to the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 137A), Section 27(1) of the Telecommunications Act (Chapter 323) and Condition 34.1 of the Licence to Provide Facilities-Based Operations issued to Singapore Telecommunications Limited (“**SingTel**”) on 1 April 1992, hereby issues this Direction to SingTel.
2. On 19 October 2005, IDA issued a direction requiring SingTel to submit for IDA’s approval, its proposed modification to its RIO in order to incorporate the requirement that SingTel offers to handover TLLCs at the G.703 interface standard with grooming (“**19 October 2005 Direction**”). SingTel submitted its proposed RIO modification on 2 November 2005 and IDA initiated a public consultation on 8 November 2005 to elicit the industry’s comments on SingTel’s proposed RIO modification. At the close of the public consultation on 22 November 2005, IDA received comments from the following parties: Asia Pacific Carriers’ Coalition, MCI Worldcom Asia Pte Ltd, Pacific Internet Corporation Pte Ltd and StarHub Ltd.
3. Having carefully reviewed SingTel’s proposed RIO modification and taking into consideration the comments received from the industry, IDA has concluded that SingTel’s proposed RIO modification requires substantial amendments in order to give full effect to the 19 October 2005 Direction.

4. Therefore, IDA hereby directs SingTel as follows:

- (a) Within 14 calendar days from the date of this Direction, SingTel must submit to IDA for review and approval, SingTel's revised proposed RIO modification incorporating IDA's required amendments as specified in the following Annexes to this Direction:
  - (i) Annex 1 - IDA's annotations in relation to SingTel's proposed modification to Schedule 7B of SingTel's RIO; and
  - (ii) Annex 2 - IDA's annotations in relation to SingTel's proposed modification to Schedule 9 of SingTel's RIO.

The grounds for IDA's required amendments are annotated in the respective Annexes. In addition to the required amendments, SingTel must also make all necessary editorial corrections (including typographical and cross-referencing errors).

- (b) To the extent that any ancillary or consequential modification to any provision in SingTel's RIO is necessary in order to give effect to this Direction, IDA requires SingTel to propose such modification for IDA's review and approval.
- (c) In revising its proposed RIO modification to give effect to this Direction, IDA reminds SingTel that:
  - (i) to the extent that any of SingTel's revised proposed RIO modification fails to give full effect to IDA's required amendments, or in IDA's view, is not acceptable, IDA may direct SingTel to adopt specific drafting language; and
  - (ii) IDA will reject any additional modification proposed by SingTel to its RIO that is not for the purpose of giving effect to IDA's required amendments set out in this Direction.
- (d) SingTel must submit to IDA one hardcopy and one softcopy, both in clean and marked-up versions, of its revised proposed RIO modification. The marked-up version must clearly identify each modification made by SingTel to its RIO. The softcopy submission should preferably be in Microsoft Word format and emailed to [Liau\\_Chie\\_Kiong@ida.gov.sg](mailto:Liau_Chie_Kiong@ida.gov.sg), at the same time that SingTel submits to IDA the hardcopy of its revised proposed RIO modification.

5. Finally, any amendment that may be directed by IDA, or proposed by SingTel and accepted by IDA, in connection with this RIO proceeding, is clearly without

prejudice to IDA's right to review SingTel's proposed RIO offering of TLLCs as an Interconnection Related Service. In addition, nothing in this proceeding shall constitute a representation by IDA that it will find acceptable any similar provision that may be proposed by SingTel in relation to any subsequent RIO proceeding.

6. Any clarification required on this Direction must be made in writing and marked for the attention of our Mr Andrew J. Haire (Assistant Director-General (Telecoms)) and faxed to 6211 2116. Please note that any query directed by SingTel to IDA for clarification shall not affect SingTel's obligation to comply fully with this Direction (including the timelines stipulated).

Yours faithfully

Leong Keng Thai  
Deputy Chief Executive/Director-General (Telecoms)