

CONSULTATION PAPER:

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SINGTEL'S REFERENCE INTERCONNECTION OFFER
TO OFFER CONNECTION SERVICES
AT SUBMARINE CABLE LANDING STATIONS**

INFOCOMM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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BACKGROUND

- 1 IDA has designated Connection Services at Submarine Cable Landing Stations ('Connection Services') as an Unbundled Network Service ('UNS') under the Code of Practice for Competition in the provision of Telecommunication Services ('Code'). IDA's decision is in the interest of facilitating competitive entry in the international facilities market in particular self-provision of backhaul facilities in Singapore. The Code has been amended¹ to include Connection Services as an UNS under Section 6 of Appendix Two, with effect from 25 April 2002.

- 2 Accordingly, in compliance with Section 5.3.5.3 of the Code, Singapore Telecommunications Ltd ('SingTel'), as a Dominant Licensee, must amend its Reference Interconnection Offer ('RIO') to include the offer of Connection Services as an UNS on an unbundled basis. IDA has informed SingTel of this decision on 25 April 2002 and has further directed SingTel to submit to IDA the proposed amendments to the RIO for the purposes of offering Connection Services ('RIO Amendment') for IDA's approval.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RIO

- 3 SingTel has proposed amendments to the following parts of the RIO:
 - (i) An additional Schedule 4B;
 - (ii) Main Body;
 - (iii) Schedule 9 - Charges; and
 - (iv) Schedule 12 – Dictionary.

¹The notice of amendment can be found at <http://www.ida.gov.sg/Website/IDAContent.nsf/dd1521f1e79ecf3bc825682f0045a340/52e8b853be6e0f5b48256bba0029cb57?OpenDocument>

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

- 4 IDA hereby invites interested parties to submit written comments regarding the proposed amendments to the RIO to offer Connection Services.
- 5 Parties should identify the specific provisions of the proposed amendments to the RIO (by number) on which they are commenting. Where appropriate, commenting parties are encouraged to suggest additional or different language accompanied by an explanation of the reasons for the proposal.
- 6 All submissions should reach the IDA **before 4 June 2002, 5.00 pm**. All views and comments should be submitted in writing and in hard copy **and** soft copy (preferably in Microsoft Word format). Respondents are required to include their personal/company particulars as well as the correspondence address, contact numbers and email addresses in their submissions. Written responses should be directed to:

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- 7 The IDA reserves the right to make public all or parts of any written submissions made in response to the Consultation Paper and to disclose the identity of the source. Any part of the submission which is considered commercially confidential should be clearly marked and placed as an annex to the comments raised. The IDA will take this into account when disclosing the information raised.