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INTRODUCTION

- 1 The Code of Practice for Competition in the Provision of Telecommunication Services (“Telecom Competition Code”) issued by the Info-communications Authority of Singapore (“IDA”) came into effect on 29 September 2000 to ensure fair competition in a competitive environment, safeguard consumer welfare and to guide licensees on their interconnection negotiation. Under Sub-section 5.3.3 of the Telecom Competition Code the dominant licensees designated by IDA are required to submit a proposed Model Confidentiality Agreement (MCA) to the IDA within 15 days of the effective date of the Code.
- 2 The MCA will contain the necessary provisions to protect licensees’ legitimate commercial interests and governing the preservation of proprietary or commercially sensitive information disclosed by either party during any negotiation related to the adoption of an individualised Interconnection Agreement.
- 3 Singapore Telecommunications Ltd (SingTel), the designated dominant licensee, has submitted its proposed MCA on 13 October 2000. The proposed MCA is posted on IDA’s website (www.ida.gov.sg). Singapore CableVision Ltd has been exempted by IDA from the provisions in Sub-section 5.3.3 as indicated in the notice in the Government Gazette made on 15 September 2000.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

- 4 IDA hereby invites licensees, potential entrants, other regulatory authorities, users, and any other interested parties to submit written comments regarding the proposed MCA.
- 5 IDA requests that commenters use the following format:
 - Description of the commenting party and its interest in the proceeding;
 - Summary of the commenting party’s position

- General comments
 - Views regarding specific provisions of the proposed MCA.
- 6 Parties should identify the specific provisions of the MCA (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.
- 7 All parties are asked to keep comments clear and succinct.
- 8 All comments should be submitted to IDA in hard copy (6 copies) and diskette (Word 97 Format). Comments may also be emailed. All written comments must be submitted to IDA by **5 pm on Monday, 23 October 2000**. Comments received after that time will not be accepted or considered. Comments should be addressed to:
- Ms Ng Cher Keng
Director (Policy)
Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore
8 Temasek Boulevard
#14-00 Suntec Tower Three
Singapore 038988
Email: ng_cher_keng@ida.gov.sg
- 9 IDA will post all comments on its website (www.ida.gov.sg).
- 10 IDA will not entertain requests for private meetings to discuss the proposed MCA.
- 11 IDA will issue its decision, within 21 days from the date of SingTel's submission of the proposed MCA, taking the public and industry comments into consideration, on whether it would accept, reject or require modification of the proposed MCA.