IDA reference: INTC.03.0004



12 April 2006

Singapore Telecommunications Limited 31 Exeter Road, #18-00 Comcentre Singapore 239732

Attention: Mr Lee Hsien Yang Group Chief Executive Officer

Dear Sirs

DIRECTION OF THE INFO-COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE: MODIFICATION OF REFERENCE INTERCONNECTION OFFER TO PROVIDE FOR TAIL LOCAL LEASED CIRCUITS AS AN INTERCONNECTION RELATED SERVICE

- 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. Please refer to the following documents:
 - a. SingTel's 12 December 2005 submission to IDA of its proposed modifications ("Proposed Modifications") to the Main Body, Schedules 8B, 9 and 12, and SingTel's proposed new Schedule 4C of its Reference Interconnection Offer ("RIO") for the purpose of providing for Tail Local Leased Circuits ("TLLCs") as an Interconnection Related Service ("IRS");
 - IDA's direction to SingTel approving SingTel's Proposed Modifications to Schedules 8B and 12 of its RIO (together, the "1st Approved RIO Modifications") and specifying IDA's directed requirements to the Main Body, proposed Schedule 4C and Schedule 9 of the same, dated 8 March 2006 ("8 March 2006 Direction");
 - c. SingTel's amended proposed modifications to the Main Body, proposed Schedule 4C and Schedule 9 of the RIO, dated 20 March 2006 ("Amended Proposed Modifications");
 - d. SingTel's request of 20 March 2006 to IDA to reconsider certain of the directed requirements set out in the 8 March 2006 Direction and

to grant SingTel a stay of the 8 March 2006 Direction in relation to the issues raised therein ("**Reconsideration Request**");

- e. IDA's letter of 24 March 2006 to SingTel rejecting SingTel's request for stay and directing SingTel to submit its further amended proposed RIO modifications ("**Further RIO Modifiations**") that are fully compliant with IDA's requirements in relation to proposed Schedule 4C and Schedule 9 of SingTel's RIO as set out in the 8 March 2006 Direction, by 28 March 2006;
- f. SingTel's submission to IDA of its Further RIO Modifications in relation to proposed Schedule 4C and Schedule 9 of its RIO, dated 28 March 2006; and
- g. IDA's decision on SingTel's Reconsideration Request, dated 12 April 2006 ("**Decision on Reconsideration**").
- 3. Having carefully reviewed SingTel's Amended Proposed Modifications to the Main Body of its RIO, IDA has concluded that these are in conformity with IDA's requirements as expressed in the 8 March 2006 Direction.
- 4. Additionally, having carefully reviewed SingTel's Further RIO Modifications in relation to proposed Schedule 4C and Schedule 9 of its RIO, IDA concluded that certain of SingTel's Further RIO Modifications fail to either give effect to IDA's requirements as expressed in the 8 March 2006 Direction or require modification to comply with IDA's Decision on Reconsideration.
- 5. Accordingly, with reference to paragraph 8.a of IDA's 8 March 2006 Direction, IDA hereby directs SingTel to modify its RIO to incorporate the specific drafting language set out in the enclosed Annexures 2 and 3, comprising IDA's directed amendments to proposed Schedules 4C and Schedule 9 of SingTel's RIO respectively, to give effect to IDA's 8 March 2006 Direction and IDA's Decision on Reconsideration ("**Directed Amendments**").
- 6. IDA hereby approves:
 - a. SingTel's Amended Proposed Modifications to the Main Body of its RIO, a copy of which is enclosed as Annexure 1; and
 - b. SingTel's Further RIO Modifications incorporating the Directed Amendments to proposed Schedule 4C and Schedule 9¹ of its RIO,

(together, the "2nd Approved RIO Modifications").

¹ IDA has not completed its audit of the following charges to be specified in Schedule 9 in relation to SingTel's provision of IRS TLLCs under Schedule 4C – Internal and External Relocation Charge (One-time), Change of Interface Standard Charge (One-time) and Migration Charge (One-time). In this respect, upon completion of the audit, IDA will subsequently approve these charges to take retrospective effect from 15 April 2006.

- 7. The 1st Approved RIO Modifications and the 2nd Approved RIO Modifications will take effect from **15 April 2006**. In this respect, IDA reminds SingTel of its obligations under Sub-section 6.3.5 of the Telecom Competition Code 2005 to amend all applicable RIO-based Interconnection Agreements to conform to the Directed Amendments and the Approved Main Body, which amendments shall also take effect from 15 April 2006.
- 8. In connection with the above, IDA further directs SingTel to submit to IDA, for posting on IDA's website, one clean hardcopy and one clean softcopy each of the Main Body, Schedule 4C, Schedule 8B, Schedule 9 and Schedule 12 of its RIO incorporating the 1st Approved RIO Modifications and the 2nd Approved RIO Modifications ("**Conformed RIO**"), all by **12:00** hrs, Tuesday, 18 April 2006. The softcopy submission must be in Adobe PDF and Microsoft Word formats. and emailed to Liau_Chie_Kiong@ida.gov.sg.
- 9. In submitting its Conformed RIO to IDA for public posting, SingTel must make all necessary editorial corrections for typographical, cross-referencing and pagination errors. IDA will not accept any other correction and in this regard, IDA warns SingTel that it will not hesitate to take strong enforcement in the event that SingTel submits a non-conforming RIO.
- 10. 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 clarification sought by SingTel will not affect SingTel's obligation to comply fully with this Direction.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd.

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