CONFIDENTIAL



IDA Reference: IDA.INTC.03.0402/CC (Please quote this in all correspondences on this matter)

10 November 2008

Facilities-based Licensees Services-based (Individual) Licensees By Fax Only 2 pages (including this page)

Dear Sirs

NOTIFICATION OF THE INFO-COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE: EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF REFERENCE INTERCONNECTION OFFER

- 1. This Notification is issued to all Facilities-based and Services-based (Individual) Licensees.
- 2. Pursuant to the Code of Practice for Competition in the Provision of Telecommunication Services ("the Code"), a Requesting Licensee may obtain Interconnection Related Services ("IRS") and Mandated Wholesale Services ("MWS") from Singapore Telecommunications Limited ("SingTel"), a Dominant Licensee, on the terms specified in the a Reference Interconnection Offer ("RIO") developed by SingTel and approved by IDA. SingTel must offer the RIO for a period of 3 years. By notice in the Gazette, IDA will specify the commencement date for the 3-year period. Thereafter, prior to the expiry of the 3-year period, IDA may by notice in the Gazette specify any further 3-year period for which the Dominant Licensee must offer the RIO to Requesting Licensees.
- 3. In accordance with Section 1.6.1 of the Code, IDA is currently conducting a second review of the Code, including the list of IRS and MWS which a Dominant Licensee must offer to any eligible Requesting Licensee under the RIO. IDA expects to complete the review of the Code in the first half of 2009. Thereafter, IDA will review the SingTel RIO to determine the amendments required for alignment with any revisions made to the Code.
- 4. The existing SingTel RIO and the Interconnection Agreements adopted from the SingTel RIO ("RIO Agreements") are due to expire on 15 November 2008. Pending completion of the review of the Code and the SingTel RIO, it is necessary to extend the validity of the existing SingTel RIO and the RIO Agreements. IDA considers the RIO essential for ensuring connectivity between telecommunications operators and facilitating entry to the telecommunications market in Singapore. The extension will ensure that the SingTel RIO continues to be available to new Requesting Licensees and the existing RIO Agreements remain in force in the interim period.

- 5. To effect the above, IDA has by notice in the Gazette specified that the commencement date of the further 3-year period for which SingTel must offer the RIO is 16 November 2008. IDA will also require SingTel to make corresponding amendments to its RIO and all RIO Agreements to reflect the extension.
- 6. If you should require any clarification, please direct your written queries to our Mr Andrew Haire, Deputy Director-General (Telecoms & Post), at fax number 6211 2116.

Yours faithfully,

Leong Keng Thai

Deputy Chief Executive / Director-General (Telecoms & Post)