



CONSULTATION PAPER:

REVIEW OF SINGAPORE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
LIMITED'S REFERENCE INTERCONNECTION OFFER

INFOCOMM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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Review of Singapore Telecommunications Limited's Reference Interconnection Offer

BACKGROUND

- 1 Singapore Telecommunications Limited's ("SingTel") Reference Interconnection Offer ("RIO") sets out IDA-approved prices, terms and conditions for other telecoms operators to interconnect and access SingTel's network. The RIO aims to facilitate the rapid adoption of reasonable interconnection agreements between SingTel and other telecoms operators, which in turn reduces the timeframe for interconnection negotiations, expedites market entry, and promotes effective and sustainable competition.
- 2 Following the conclusion of IDA's first triennial review of the Telecoms Competition Code where revisions to the Code came into effect on 4 March 2005 ("Code 2005"), IDA intends to ensure that SingTel's RIO is aligned with Code 2005 requirements and that the RIO remains relevant to industry's needs in a multi-operator environment.
- 3 Under Subsection 12.5.5(b) of the Code 2005, within 30 days from the effective date of the Code 2005, SingTel is required to submit a revised RIO to conform to the requirements of the Code 2005 for IDA's approval.

PROPOSED REVISED RIO

- 4 SingTel has submitted on 4 March 2005 to IDA, a proposed revised RIO containing the following parts:
 - Main Body;
 - Schedule 1 – Physical and Virtual (Distant) Interconnection;
 - Schedule 1A – Physical and/or Virtual (Distant) Interconnection for FBOs;
 - Schedule 1B – Virtual (Distant) Interconnection for SBOs;
 - Schedule 2 – Origination, Termination and Transit (OTT);
 - Schedule 2A – Call Origination Service;
 - Schedule 2B – Call Termination Service;
 - Schedule 2C – Call Transit Service;
 - Schedule 3A – Licensing of Local Loop/Sub-Loop;
 - Schedule 3B – Line Sharing;
 - Schedule 3D – Licensing of Building MDF Distribution Frame;

- New Schedule 3E – Licensing of Outdoor Cabinet Distribution Frame;
- Schedule 4A – Emergency Call Service;
- Schedule 4B – Submarine Cable Connection Service;
- Schedule 5A – Licensing of Lead-in Duct & its Associated Lead-in Manholes;
- Schedule 5B – Licensing of Tower Space & Co-location Space at Tower Sites;
- New Schedule 5C – Licensing of Roof Space & Co-Location Space at Roof Sites;
- Schedule 6 – Number Portability;
- Schedule 7A – Wholesale Local Leased Circuits (Full Circuits);
- Schedule 7B – Wholesale Local Leased Circuits (Tail Circuits);
- Schedule 8 – Co-Location;
- Schedule 8A – Co-location for Point of Interconnection (POI);
- Schedule 8B – Co-location for Point of Access (POA);
- Schedule 8D – Co-location at Submarine Cable Landing Station;
- Schedule 9 – Charges;
- Schedule 10 – Billing;
- Schedule 11 – Dispute Resolution; and
- Schedule 12 – Dictionary.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

- 5 To facilitate IDA's review, we now invite views and comments on the proposed revised RIO. All views and comments should be supported by relevant reasons and appropriate justifications. This will allow IDA to have a better understanding of the issues and areas in which SingTel's proposed revised RIO can be modified or streamlined to ensure effective implementation of interconnection agreements between SingTel and other telecoms operators.
- 6 All views and comments should be submitted in writing, in both hard and soft copy (preferably in Microsoft Word format), and should reach IDA by **12 noon, 5 May 2005**. Respondents are also required to include their personal/company particulars as well as the correspondence address in their submissions to this Consultation Paper. Comments and views should be addressed to:

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- 7 IDA targets to complete its review by 3rd Quarter 2005.
- 8 IDA reserves the right to make public all or parts of any written submissions made in response to this Consultation Paper and to disclose the identity of the source. Any part of the submission, which is considered by respondents to be commercially confidential, should be clearly marked and placed as an annex. IDA will take this into account regarding disclosure of the information submitted.