



**REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

**INFO-COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE**

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE  
PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
NEUTRAL INTERNET EXCHANGE IN SINGAPORE**

ISSUED ON 9 JULY 2009

## **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEUTRAL INTERNET EXCHANGE IN SINGAPORE**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. At the Committee of Supply Debate in Parliament on 6 February 2009, it was announced that in order to further optimise the use of the Next Generation National Broadband Network, the Singapore Government “will implement a neutral Singapore Internet Exchange to improve domestic Internet traffic routing and access to content”.
2. The Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore (“**IDA**”) proposes to establish a neutral Internet exchange, the Singapore Internet Exchange (“**SGIX**”), in order to strengthen Singapore’s position as an infocomm hub.
3. After seeking advice from technical, commercial and legal consultants, it is recommended that SGIX be incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. Consequently, IDA has prepared the draft Memorandum and Articles of Association for the incorporation of the company, together with the draft Policies and Procedures for SGIX.

### **OBJECTIVES**

4. SGIX will seek to promote efficient interconnectivity for the Internet in Singapore by being a central point of traffic exchange. It will also seek to improve connectivity to Singapore by attracting regional and international carriers to use Singapore as a hub for Internet traffic. Additionally, SGIX aims to increase content hosting by encouraging content providers to host their content in Singapore and hence encourage the growth of data centres.

### **BENEFITS**

5. SGIX is expected to deliver benefits on several fronts:
  - a) For local retail service providers
    - i. Reduces operating costs as there is no need to establish multiple links to exchange traffic amongst themselves;
    - ii. Enhances their delivery of the broadband services with reduced latency.
  - b) For regional service providers
    - i. Extensive global connectivity;
    - ii. Effective exchange of international traffic.

- c) For content providers
  - i. Enables content providers to reach out to local and regional users efficiently.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

6. IDA intends to gather feedback on SGIX and invites interested parties to submit written comments on the SGIX's proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association, and proposed Policies and Procedures (collectively referred to as the "**Consultation Documents**").
7. IDA requests that comments be presented in the following format:
  - a. Description of the respondent and its interest;
  - b. Summary of the respondent's position;
  - c. Views regarding specific provisions of the Consultation Documents; and
  - d. General comments.
8. In all comments, respondents should identify the specific provisions of the Consultation Documents (by paragraph/section number, where provided) to which comments are being made. Where appropriate, respondents may propose additional or alternative suggestions, provided always that such suggestions should be accompanied by an explanation of the reason for the proposal. All respondents are requested to keep comments clear and succinct.
9. For industry members who wish to join SGIX as founding members, please indicate your interest in your response. The requirements for founding members can be found in the draft Policies and Procedures.
10. All views and comments should be submitted in hard copy and soft copy by **12 noon, 30 July 2009**.

11. For each set of comments, respondents are required to include their personal/company particulars as well as their correspondence address. Views and comments should be addressed to:

Mr Woo Kien Young  
Deputy Director (Next Generation Wireless & Platforms)  
Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore  
8 Temasek Boulevard  
#14-00 Suntec Tower Three  
Singapore 038988

Please submit soft copies via email to: [Geraldine\\_Chan@ida.gov.sg](mailto:Geraldine_Chan@ida.gov.sg)

IDA reserves the right to make public all or parts of any written submissions made in response to this consultation, and to disclose the identity of the respondent. Any part of the submission which the respondent considers is commercially sensitive must be clearly marked and placed as a separate annex to the comments provided. IDA will take this into consideration when disclosing the information submitted.