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Attention: Mr. Lee Hsien Yang (Chief Executive Officer)

Dear Sirs

**DIRECTION OF THE INFO-COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE: MODIFICATION OF REFERENCE INTERCONNECTION OFFER ("RIO") TO INCORPORATE WHOLESALE LOCAL LEASED CIRCUITS ("LLCs")**

1. 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. On 23 August 2004, IDA issued a direction ("23 August 2004 Direction") requiring SingTel to submit for IDA's review and approval, its revised proposed modification to the provisions of its RIO to include LLCs as a mandated wholesale service, and to incorporate IDA's required amendments as specified in Annexes 1 and 2 of the 23 August 2004 Direction ("Revised Proposed RIO Modification"). In this connection, paragraph 4(c)(i) of the 23 August 2004 Direction provides that where SingTel's Revised Proposed RIO Modification fails to give full effect to IDA's required amendments or, in IDA's view, is not acceptable, IDA may direct SingTel to adopt specific drafting language.
3. On 10 September 2004, SingTel submitted to IDA for approval its Revised Proposed RIO Modification. IDA has carefully considered SingTel's Revised Proposed RIO Modification and the submissions made by SingTel. Our assessment is that SingTel's Revised Proposed RIO Modification does not give full effect to IDA's required amendments as set out in the 23 August 2004 Direction. Accordingly, IDA hereby further directs SingTel as follows:
  - (a) SingTel must adopt in its Revised Proposed RIO Modification, the specific drafting language set out in the enclosed annexes ("Directed Language"), comprising:

- (i) Annex 1 – Main Body of SingTel's RIO;
- (ii) Annex 2 – New Schedule 7A of SingTel's RIO;
- (iii) Annex 3 – New Schedule 7B of SingTel's RIO;
- (iv) Annex 4 – Schedule 8B of SingTel's RIO;
- (v) Annex 5 – Schedule 8 Attachments of SingTel's RIO;
- (vi) Annex 6 – Schedule 9 of SingTel's RIO; and
- (vii) Annex 7 – Schedule 12 of SingTel's RIO.

The grounds for IDA's determination of the Directed Language that SingTel must adopt are annotated in the respective Annexes. In addition, please also refer to the accompanying explanatory memorandum for IDA's response to the general points raised by SingTel and IDA's requirements in relation to service migration, reservation of capacity and service activation timeframes.

- (b) IDA accepts SingTel's proposed modifications to Schedule 8 of the RIO, a copy of which is enclosed as Annex 8 to this direction.
  - (c) SingTel must submit to IDA for approval, by 11 October 2004, a conformed copy of its Revised Proposed RIO Modification adopting the Directed Language. As provided for in paragraph 7.2.1 of Appendix Two of the Code, IDA will specify by separate notice in the *Gazette* the commencement date on which SingTel's Revised Proposed RIO Modification shall come into effect.
4. Any clarification required on this direction must be made in writing and marked for the attention of our Mr. Andrew J Haire, Senior Director (Policy and Competition Development) and faxed to 6211 2116. Please note that any query directed to IDA for clarification shall not affect SingTel's obligation to comply fully with this direction and the deadline specified herein.

Yours faithfully,



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