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Mr Sean Slattery
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Dear Mr Slattery,

CONFIRMATION OF EXEMPTION ON SINGTEL'S NEW INTERNATIONAL CAPACITY SERVICE ("ICS") – SINGTEL'S CONNECTPLUS ETHERNET-LINE SERVICE

We refer to your letter of 6 January 2006 on the above.

- 2 IDA has assessed SingTel's request for confirmation that the exemption granted to SingTel under the Telecommunications (Exemption from Dominant Licensee Provisions in Telecom Competition Code 2005 – International Capacity Services) Notification 2005 (the "ICS Notification") in relation to the International Managed Data Services ("IMDS") market may be applied to its new product offering known as "ConnectPlus Ethernet-Line" service. IDA notes that SingTel's new ConnectPlus Ethernet-Line service offers similar features to the product offerings exempted under the ICS Notification. SingTel's ConnectPlus Ethernet-Line service uses a meshed network to provide a secure end-to-end managed VLAN service through a transparent Ethernet connection between multiple international locations, and allows the extension of LAN access between multiple customer sites. Customers may access ConnectPlus Ethernet-Line service remotely via the local MetroEthernet access service available at SingTel's various ConnectPlus international destinations or directly if they are co-located with its points-of-presence. The service is targeted at corporate customers for time-sensitive and bandwidth-intensive applications.
- 3 Given the above, IDA hereby confirms that the new ConnectPlus Ethernet-Line service is a product within the IMDS market and will be subject to the same exemption granted under the ICS Notification. For the avoidance of doubt, SingTel's ConnectPlus Ethernet-Line service shall be exempted from the following Dominant Licensee obligations in accordance with para. 4 below:
 - (a) subsection 4.2.1.1 (Duty to Provide Service at Just and Reasonable Prices, Terms and Conditions);
 - (b) subsection 4.2.1.2 (Duty to Provide Service on a Non-discriminatory Basis);

- (c) subsection 4.2.1.3 (Duty to Provide Unbundled Telecommunication Services);
- (d) subsection 4.2.2.1 (Duty to Provide Service on Reasonable Request);
- (e) subsection 4.2.2.2 (Duty to Allow Resale of End User Telecommunication Services);
- (f) subsection 4.2.2.3 (Duty to Allow Sales Agency);
- (g) subsection 4.3 (Wholesale Services);
- (h) subsection 4.4 (Tariffing);
- (i) subsection 4.5 (Duty to Publish Tariffs); and
- (j) subsection 4.6 (Duty to Provide Service Consistent with Effective Tariffs).

4 In accordance with IDA's direction to SingTel dated 12 April 2005 and the ICS Notification, the exemption for SingTel's ConnectPlus Ethernet-Line service shall take effect on the date of publication of IDA's notice in the Gazette. IDA will proceed to issue the notice in the Gazette in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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