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INTRODUCTION

1. On 25 October 1999, the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore (“IDA”) sought the industry’s views and comments in relation to the framework for third generation (“3G”) mobile communication services to be offered in Singapore.
2. IDA has considered the views and comments made by the industry, and thanks all parties for their views and comments.
3. On 20 October 2000, the Minister for Communications and Information Technology announced that the rights to the spectrum available for use for 3G mobile communication services would be allocated by way of an auction.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

4. IDA has decided to make available, for public consultation, a draft set of the rules governing the auction of 3G Spectrum Rights for the provision of 3G mobile communication services (the “draft 3G Auction Rules”). A copy of the draft 3G Auction Rules is contained in the draft Information Memorandum.
5. IDA hereby invites interested parties to submit written views and comments regarding the draft 3G Auction Rules.
6. Comments are only invited in relation to the draft 3G Auction Rules (and not on any other sections of the draft Information Memorandum). Please note that IDA will **not** consider views and comments in relation to any other sections of the draft Information Memorandum.
7. Any comments submitted should include the identity of the party submitting the comments.
8. If in addition to general comments on the draft 3G Auction Rules, a party wishes to comment on any specific provisions of the draft 3G Auction Rules, that party should identify the provisions by specific reference to the relevant section of the draft 3G Auction Rules.
9. All parties are asked to keep comments clear and succinct.
10. All comments must be submitted to IDA in hard copy (accompanied by a diskette (Word 97 Format)) or by email.

11. All comments must be submitted in writing and received by IDA by **6 pm on 12 February 2001**. Please note that comments that are not made in writing or that are received after that time will not be considered by IDA.
12. All comments should be sent to:

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8 Temasek Boulevard
#14-00 Suntec Tower Three
Singapore 038988
Email: NG_Cher_Keng@ida.gov.sg
For the attention of: Ms Ng Cher Keng
Director (Policy)
13. IDA may publish any comments submitted to IDA on its website at **http://www.ida.gov.sg**. The identity of the person who submitted the comment will not be published.
14. IDA is under no obligation to respond to any comments submitted to IDA.
15. Any clarification queries to be addressed to IDA for purposes of your commenting on the draft 3G Auction Rules must be submitted in writing (in accordance with paragraph 12 above) to be received by IDA by **6.00 pm on 7 February 2001**. IDA is under no obligation to respond to any clarification queries submitted to IDA. Please note that clarification queries that are not made in writing will not be considered by IDA. IDA may publish any clarification queries submitted and the answers provided by IDA on its website at **http://www.ida.gov.sg**. The identity of the person who submitted the clarification query will not be published.
16. IDA will not entertain any requests for private meetings to discuss the draft 3G Auction Rules.

ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURE

17. It is currently proposed that the auction will be conducted using an electronic bidding procedure and the draft 3G Auction Rules and the draft Information Memorandum have been prepared on this basis. If an electronic bidding procedure is used in the auction, further details of the electronic bidding procedure and the related software will be included in the version of the Information Memorandum distributed on 5 March 2001. If IDA decides to use an alternative bidding procedure, the Auction Rules and the Information Memorandum distributed on 5 March 2001 will be adapted accordingly.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS (RADIO-COMMUNICATION) REGULATIONS 2001

18. The Telecommunications (Radio-communication) Regulations 2001 which set out part of the regulatory framework relating to 3G Spectrum Rights, will be

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gazetted and come into force shortly. The Telecommunications (Radio-communication) Regulations 2001 will replace the existing Radio-Communication Regulations (which were gazetted in August 1994), which will be repealed.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DRAFT 3G AUCTION RULES AND THE DRAFT INFORMATION MEMORANDUM ARE IN DRAFT FORM ONLY. IDA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND ANY OF THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN.